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MEMORANDUM FOR: All Participants in Ginnie Mae Programs

FROM: Thomas R. Weakland, Acting Executive Vice President

SUBJECT: Introduction of Alphanumeric Pool Numbers

The Ginnie Mae mortgage-backed security pool number is currently comprised of a six position numeric field. The remaining supply of available pool numbers is decreasing and will be exhausted for certain pool types over the course of the next few years. In order to minimize the impact to our business partners, Ginnie Mae will introduce a six position alphanumeric field format. Issuers should begin making the appropriate changes to their systems to accommodate the new alphanumeric pool numbers. Ginnie Mae intends to utilize all of the existing numeric pool numbers, and once those pool numbers are exhausted, Ginnie Mae will migrate to the alphanumeric pool numbers. Ginnie Mae is requiring all Issuers to have their systems ready to accept alphanumeric numbers no later than March 1, 2010.

The pool number will contain upper-case letters in the first two places of the six character field and the remaining four spaces will contain numbers. The first pool number in the sequence will be AA0000-AZ9999. After that, the next number will be BA0000 and so on. The entire range between MA0000 and MZ9999 is reserved to designate Ginnie Mae multiple Issuer pools.

The Ginnie Mae pool suffix format remains unchanged. The pool suffix is a three character designation that identifies the pool and loan type. For example, a suffix of "CSF" indicates a Ginnie Mae II Custom Single Family pool. Therefore, a pool comprised of such loans would be identified as "AA1234CSF" in the new format.

For additional assistance, Issuers may contact their Ginnie Mae Account Executive in the Office of Mortgage-Backed Securities at (202) 708-1535.