



Elliot Salzman Joins First Guaranty Mortgage Corporation as Senior Director of Credit Operations

TYSONS CORNER, VIRGINIA, August 17, 2015 – First Guaranty Mortgage Corporation® (FGMC), a Virginia Corporation, announced today that industry veteran, **Elliot Salzman**, has joined the company as Senior Director of Credit Operations.

“Elliot brings FGMC more than two decades of executive-level, direct industry experience. We welcome his guidance, leadership and shared-vision for shaping FGMC Credit Policy and building Operations into a broader, more robust, (industry leading) residential mortgage platform” said **Dea O’Hopp, Chief Operating Officer, First Guaranty Mortgage Corporation.**

Prior to joining First Guaranty Mortgage Corporation, Mr. Salzman was Senior Vice President, Director of Consumer Policy and Underwriting, **BBVA Compass Bank**. Previous positions include Vice President, Correspondent Lending Operations, **BOK Financial Correspondent Mortgage Services**; Underwriting Standards Manager, **Fannie Mae**; Senior Vice President – Operations, **The Winter Group**; and additional positions with **Wachovia / Wells Fargo** and **Mariner’s Bank**.

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About First Guaranty Mortgage Corporation

Celebrating 25+ years of exceptional nationwide residential lending services, First Guaranty Mortgage Corporation® (FGMC), offers Correspondent, Wholesale and Retail origination channels. Together with First Guaranty's Capital Markets and Warehouse Lending Divisions, FGMC provides a full spectrum of lending products and services throughout the 47 states and the District of Columbia, where licenses are held.

FGMC is a national approved Single Family Issuer for Ginnie Mae; an approved Fannie Mae MBS Issuer; approved by HUD (United States Department of Housing and Urban Development); an FHA approved lending institution (Federal Housing Administration); approved for VA (United States Department of Veterans Affairs); and approved by USDA (United States Department of Agriculture).

Recognized by *Inc. Magazine* for the past two consecutive years (2014 and 2015), First Guaranty Mortgage Corporation is one of the fastest-growing privately-held companies in the United States. *Inc. Magazine's – Inc. 5000*, rankings for 2015 were based on 2011–2014 information. FGMC (Ranked #1138), experienced impressive revenue growth of **480** percent during this period of time; and reported that **294** jobs were added during the same time period. *Inc. Magazine* has provided annual rankings since 1981. FGMC's ranking can be accessed at the following link: <http://www.inc.com/profile/first-guaranty-mortgage>

FGMC received **Ellie Mae's 2013 Award for Exceptional Customization of Encompass**. This recognition was for innovative and creative use of Ellie Mae technology, distinguishing First Guaranty Mortgage Corporation in a highly competitive and challenging marketplace. On July 30, 2014, Ben Sizemore, Jr., Chief Information Officer, First Guaranty Mortgage Corporation, was appointed to Ellie Mae's CIO Advisory Board. FGMC has also been recognized by Mortgage Technology Magazine as a "Top Tech-Savvy Lender" for three consecutive years (2011, 2012 and 2013).

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