## SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF NEW YORK

DEUTSCHE ZENTRAL-GENOSSENSCHAFTSBANK AG, NEW YORK BRANCH, d/b/a DZ BANK AG, NEW YORK BRANCH; DEUTSCHE GENOSSENSCHAFTS-HYPOTHEKENBANK AG; and DG HOLDING TRUST,

Plaintiffs,

-against-

BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION; BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.; COUNTRYWIDE FINANCIAL CORPORATION; COUNTRYWIDE SECURITIES CORPORATION; COUNTRYWIDE CAPITAL MARKETS, LLC; MERRILL LYNCH & CO., INC.; MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH, INC. (f/k/a BANC OF AMERICA SECURITIES LLC); MERRILL LYNCH MORTGAGE INVESTORS, INC.; CREDIT-BASED ASSET SERVICING AND SECURITIZATION LLC; and ASSET BACKED FUNDING CORPORATION,

Defendants.

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Summons with Notice

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to

serve upon Plaintiffs' attorneys a notice of appearance or demand for a complaint within twenty (20) days after service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30) days after service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you on default for the relief demanded herein.

Plaintiffs designate New York County as the place of trial. Venue is proper because

Defendants are principally located in this County, and many of the wrongful acts alleged herein

occurred in this County.

## **NOTICE**

This is an action for damages, or alternatively, rescission, and/or a declaratory judgment arising from Plaintiffs' investment in residential mortgage-backed securities (the "Securities") which were securitized by Defendants and sold to Plaintiffs by Defendants. Plaintiffs purchased \$545,569,509 in Securities in the offerings listed on Exhibit A attached hereto (the "Offerings"). The Securities are either currently held by Plaintiffs or were held and sold previously at a loss.

Defendants were actively involved in each step of the securitization and sale of the Securities to Plaintiffs. Defendants acted as depositor, underwriter, seller, sponsor, and/or broker-dealer for the Offerings.

The offering materials issued by Defendants for the Offerings (the "Offering Materials") contained material misrepresentations and omissions regarding the underwriting standards used to issue the mortgage loans that were pooled together into the Offerings, the transfer of those mortgage loans to trusts formed to hold the pooled loans and to collect interest and principal payments due on the loans, and the legal validity of the trusts and their legal entitlement to receive interest and principal payments on the loans.

The Offering Materials also contained material misrepresentations and omissions regarding key statistical characteristics of the mortgage loans underlying the Securities, including the loans' loan-to-value ratios and combined loan-to-value ratios, as well as the percentage of owner-occupied properties. The Offering Materials also contained material misrepresentations about the Securities' credit ratings, which understated the Securities' risk profile.

Each of the Defendants knew, or at a minimum was negligent in not knowing, that its representations and omissions were false and/or misleading at the time they were made. Each Defendant made the false and/or misleading statements with the intent for Plaintiffs to rely upon those statements.

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Defendants obtained mortgage loans from the originators and created securities from them. The underwriter underwrote the Offerings and sold the Securities to Plaintiffs by means of Offering Materials which contained knowing material misrepresentations and omissions. Alternatively, if the underwriter did not know of material misrepresentation and omissions, then contracts of sale from the underwriter to Plaintiffs are void or voidable as a result of mutual mistake.

Plaintiffs did not know the true facts regarding Defendants' misrepresentations and omissions in the Offering Materials, and justifiably relied on those misrepresentations and omissions. Defendants' wrongdoing has led directly to Plaintiffs' damages, which include both realized losses and loss of market value on the Securities.

Plaintiffs' causes of action against Bank of America Corporation, Bank of America, N.A., Countrywide Financial Corporation and Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. are at law and at equity for claims including common-law fraud, fraudulent inducement, negligent misrepresentation, aiding and abetting fraud, declaratory judgment, and contract claims, including rescission, restitution and mutual mistake. The depositors identified in Exhibit A are liable for claims including common law fraud, fraudulent inducement, and negligent misrepresentation. The sponsors identified in Exhibit A are liable for claims including common law fraud, fraudulent inducement, and negligent misrepresentation. The underwriters identified in Exhibit A are liable for claims including common law fraud, aiding and abetting fraud, negligent misrepresentation, and contract claims, including rescission, restitution and mutual mistake.

Upon your failure to appear, judgment will be taken against you by default for money damages in an amount of at least \$545,569,509, and interest thereon, together with punitive damages of \$545,569,509, rescission, rescissory damages, legal fees, and the costs of this action.

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Dated: New York, New York December 14, 2012

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