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Industry Veterans Join Planet Home Lending Correspondent

Top Leadership and Sales Professionals Make Move from Homepoint

MERIDEN, Conn., June 2, 2022 – [Planet Home Lending, LLC](#), (Planet) a national mortgage lender and servicer, has hired Steve Landes, EVP – Corporate Initiatives; Brandy Walton, SVP Business Initiatives; and Michael Bender, Eastern Divisional Correspondent Sales Manager. The three industry veterans joined as part of Planet’s recent acquisition of Homepoint’s correspondent division.

“With our recent acquisition of Homepoint’s correspondent assets, we are able to expand the expertise in our correspondent division with the additions of Steve, Brandy and Mike,” said Planet’s President, Mortgage Lending John Bosley. “This reflects Planet Home Lending’s goal to create a path for growth in correspondent lending even as other companies scale back during this industry adjustment.”

Landes has more than 30 years of industry experience and served as Executive Managing Director - Correspondent Lending for Homepoint before joining Planet. Prior to that, Landes was SVP of originations and president of the NattyMac subsidiary, a Regional President for Indymac Bank and Sr. Vice President for Novastar Mortgage Inc.

During his three decades in the mortgage industry, Landes has taken several companies from start-ups to industry leaders, implementing improvements as they scaled up. The majority of his sales and operations team has followed him for the past decade and moved with him to Planet.

“Planet Home Lending is a growing nonbank mortgage company deeply committed to correspondent lending,” Landes said. “The lenders we served at Homepoint will benefit from moving with us to Planet Home Lending. They gain access to aggressive pricing and expanded products while maintaining the same service levels they’ve come to know – because the staff has transitioned over to support them.”

Before moving to Planet, Walton was Senior Managing Director - Correspondent Operations for Homepoint. Walton also had various leadership roles at Stonegate Mortgage Corp., including Senior Vice President, Operations; Vice President, Production Risk Management; and National Underwriting Director.

Before joining Planet, Bender was Senior Managing Director, National Sales Manager for Homepoint, where he also previously served as Managing Director, and Division Manager East, Correspondent Lending. Prior to that, Bender was Regional Manager, Northeast Region at Stonegate Mortgage Corp.

Also coming to Planet's Correspondent Lending team from Homepoint are regional sales managers Joe Griffin, Jim Janczy, Tiffany Ta, John Theil and Tony Nienas. Margie Walsh is joining as a Correspondent Renovation Account Executive.

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About Planet Home Lending, LLC

[Planet Home Lending, LLC](#), Meriden, Connecticut, (NMLS #17022) is an approved originator and servicer for FHA, VA and USDA, as well as a Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae Seller/Servicer, a full Ginnie Mae Issuer and approved sub-servicer and a Standard & Poor's Global Ratings- and Fitch Ratings-rated special and prime residential servicer. Planet Home Lending, LLC has been assigned a corporate family rating by Moody's Investors Service viewable at www.moodys.com. Its correspondent division offers a full suite of government, agency and niche home loans. Planet Home Lending, LLC is also a special servicer managing diverse investor portfolios. Its customized servicing solutions maximize asset recovery and optimize performance through active management at the portfolio and loan levels. Planet Home Lending, LLC is an Equal Housing Lender. For more information about Planet Home Lending's Correspondent offerings, please visit <https://phlcorrespondent.com>.

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