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MEMORANDUM FOR: All Participants in Ginnie Mae Programs

FROM: Theodore W. Tozer, President

SUBJECT: Issuer Alphanumeric Pool Number Test Site

As previously published in APM 09-06, dated February 11, 2009, *Introduction of Alphanumeric Pool Numbers*, Ginnie Mae announced that it would adopt an alphanumeric pool number format to ensure full pool availability as numeric pool numbers diminish. Ginnie Mae would like to remind all Issuers that the Ginnie Mae test region is now available for alphanumeric testing. Issuers are encouraged to contact the Ginnie Mae Help Desk at 1-800-234-4662, *option 1*, to obtain access rights to the test region.

As noted earlier, Ginnie Mae intends to utilize the remainder of all outstanding numeric pool numbers for each pool type before migrating to the alphanumeric format. Consequently, and depending on pool type, the migration to alphanumeric pool numbers will occur once the last numeric pool number, for that pool type, has been assigned.

As is currently the practice of the GSEs, Ginnie Mae will also adopt two upper-case letters in the first two places of the six character field, while the remaining four characters shall remain numeric. The first pool number in the new alphanumeric sequence will be AA0000-AZ9999, followed by BA0000, and so on. Multiple Issuer pools (MIPs) shall be designated by the entire range between MA0000 and MZ9999. Ginnie Mae will continue to use the existing pool suffix format to identify both the pool and loan types.

For additional assistance, Issuers may contact their Ginnie Mae Account Executive in the Office of Mortgage-Backed Securities at 202.708.1535.