DISCLOSURES REQUIRED BY NORTH CAROLINA LAW

The State of North Carolina has not reviewed and does not approve, recommend, endorse or sponsor any loan brokerage contract. The information contained in this disclosure has not been verified by the State. If you have any questions see an attorney before you sign a contract or agreement.

LOAN BROKER DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In compliance with North Carolina General Statement 66-107:

- (1) Headway Sales Inc. is a Delaware Corporation doing business under the name Acorn Finance.
- (2) Headway Sales Inc. d/b/a Acorn Finance is headquartered at 2600 Capitol Avenue, Suite 320, Sacramento, California 95816. The directors are Mr. Giridhar Addanki, Mr. William Anson, Eric Emmons and Mr. Ian Sheridan. Mr. Addanki also serves as President, Secretary, and CEO. All directors can be reached at the above address. There are no employees in North Carolina.
- (3) Headway Sales Inc. d/b/a Acorn Finance has conducted business as a loan broker in North Carolina since April 13, 2020.
- (4) The total number of loan brokerage contracts Headway Sales Inc. d/b/a Acorn Finance has entered within the past 12 months is 14,400.
- (5) The number of loan brokerage contracts in which Headway Sales Inc. d/b/a Acorn Finance has successfully obtained a loan for the prospective borrower within the past 12 months is 367.
- (6) A copy of current financial statement of Headway Sales Inc. d/b/a Acorn Finance is attached.
- (7) Headway Sales Inc. d/b/a Acorn Finance provides a web and mobile technology platform connecting customers looking for loans with qualified lenders. Through its public website (acornfinance.com) and a qualified network of product and service dealers, the Headway technology platform enables prospective borrowers to submit for credit and, if qualified, receive, compare, and select offers from multiple lenders. Headway is not involved in making final credit decisions and does not guarantee that borrowers will be approved for loans.
- (8) Headway Sales Inc. d/b/a Acorn Finance does not charge users any fees for use of its technology platform. When a prospective borrower receives a loan through the platform, Headway may receive a fee paid by the lender.
- (9) As required by North Carolina law, this loan broker has secured a bond by Travelers Causality and Surety Company of America, a surety authorized to do business in this State. Before signing a contract with this loan broker, you should check with the surety company to determine the bond's current status.

Headway Sales Inc.

Balance Sheet

As of December 31, 2023

	TOTAL
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	\$1,370,996.10
Accounts Receivable	\$637,980.62
Other Current Assets	\$4,166.69
Total Current Assets	\$2,013,143.41
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LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	\$318,511.52
Equity	\$1,694,631.89
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$2,013,143.41

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

Department of The Secretary of State

December 4, 2024

Headway Sales Inc. 2600 Capitol Avenue Suite 320 Sacramento, CA 95816

NORTH CAROLINA LOAN BROKER FILING Reg. #339

Dear Sir/Madam:

This is to acknowledge receipt of the loan broker renewal filing for **Headway Sales Inc.** d/b/a Acorn Finance, on December 4, 2024. A copy of this statement has been forwarded to the Consumer Protection Section of the Department of Justice, which acts as the enforcement agency.

Registration shall be effective for a period of one year. Registration shall be renewed annually by the filing of a form prescribed by the Secretary of State for such purpose. The registration application or the renewal application shall automatically become effective upon the expiration of seven business days following the filing with the Secretary of State.



Elaine I. Marshall

Secretary of State



VERIFICATION CERTIFICATE

License No.

Bond No.: 107156893

Current Billing Term From <u>March 19, 2024</u> to <u>March 19, 2025</u>

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the above referenced Bond,

issued by <u>Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America</u>, dated <u>March 19, 2020</u>, in the amount of <u>Ten Thousand</u> (\$10,000.00) on behalf of <u>HEADWAY SALES INC dba ACORN FINANCE</u> (as Principal), and in favor of <u>North Carolina Department of the Secretary of State</u> (as Obligee), remains in effect, subject to all agreements, conditions and limitations.

Signed, sealed and dated ____ December 20, 2023

 Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America

 By:

Charisa R. Sloan

Attorney-in-Fact



Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America Travelers Casualty and Surety Company St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company Farmington Casualty Company

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America, Travelers Casualty and Surety Company, St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company, and Farmington Casualty Company are corporations duly organized under the laws of the State of Connecticut (herein collectively called the "Companies"), and that the Companies do hereby make, constitute and appoint **Charisa R. Sloan**, of **MOUNT JULIET**, **TN**, their true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact, to sign, execute, seal and acknowledge the following bond:

Surety Bond No.: 107156893

Principal: HEADWAY SALES INC dba ACORN FINANCE

By:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Companies have caused this instrument to be signed and their corporate seals to be hereto affixed, this 21st day of April, 2021.



State of Connecticut

Robert L. Raney, Senior Vice President

City of Hartford ss.

On this the **21st** day of **April**, **2021**, before me personally appeared **Robert L. Raney**, who acknowledged himself to be the Senior Vice President of each of the Companies, and that he, as such, being authorized so to do, executed the foregoing instrument for the purposes therein contained by signing on behalf of said Companies by himself as a duly authorized officer.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

My Commission expires the 30th day of June, 2026

Jane & Mail Anna P. Nowik, Notary Public

This Power of Attorney is granted under and by the authority of the following resolutions adopted by the Boards of Directors of each of the Companies, which resolutions are now in full force and effect, reading as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Chairman, the President, any Vice Chairman, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President, any Vice President, any Second Vice President, the Treasurer, any Assistant Treasurer, the Corporate Secretary or any Assistant Secretary may appoint Attorneys-in-Fact and Agents to act for and on behalf of the Company and may give such appointee such authority as his or her certificate of authority may prescribe to sign with the Company's name and seal with the Company's seal bonds, recognizances, contracts of indemnity, and other writings obligatory in the nature of a bond, recognizance, or conditional undertaking, and any of said officers or the Board of Directors at any time may remove any such appointee and revoke the power given him or her; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman, the President, any Vice Chairman, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President or any Vice President may delegate all or any part of the foregoing authority to one or more officers or employees of this Company, provided that each such delegation is in writing and a copy thereof is filed in the office of the Secretary; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that any bond, recognizance, contract of indemnity, or writing obligatory in the nature of a bond, recognizance, or conditional undertaking shall be valid and binding upon the Company when (a) signed by the President, any Vice Chairman, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President or any Vice President, any Second Vice President, the Treasurer, any Assistant Treasurer, the Corporate Secretary or any Assistant Secretary and duly attested and sealed with the Company's seal by a Secretary or Assistant Secretary; or (b) duly executed (under seal, if required) by one or more Attorneys-in-Fact and Agents pursuant to the power prescribed in his or her certificate or their certificates of authority or by one or more Company officers pursuant to a written delegation of authority; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the signature of each of the following officers: President, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President, any Vice President, any Assistant Vice President, any Secretary, and Assistant Secretary, and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile to any Power of Attorney or to any certificate relating thereto appointing Resident Vice Presidents, Resident Assistant Secretaries or Attorneys-in-Fact for purposes only of executing and attesting bonds and undertakings and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof, and any such Power of Attorney or certificate bearing such facsimile signature or facsimile seal shall be valid and binding upon the Company and any such power so executed and certified by such facsimile signature and facsimile seal shall be valid and binding on the Company in the future with respect to any bond or understanding to which it is attached.

I, Kevin E. Hughes, the undersigned, Assistant Secretary of each of the Companies, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Power of Attorney executed by said Companies, which remains in full force and effect.

Dated this 20 day of December, 2023.



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Kevin E. Hughes, Assistant Secretary

To verify the authenticity of this Power of Attorney, please call us at 1-800-421-3880. Please refer to the above-named Attorney(s)-in-Fact and the details of the bond to which this Power of Attorney is attached.