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RECORD HIGH FOR HOME LOANS IN OCTOBER

Investment loans ease – but first home buyers at lowest levels ever

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AFG, Australia's largest mortgage broker, processed more home loans last month than at any time in its twenty one year history, according to figures published today. AFG Mortgage Index shows that the company processed a total of \$4.7 billion in mortgages last month, an increase of 9% over September (which was the previous all-time high), and 17% higher than in October 2013. For the first time in a single month, the company processed over 10,000 home loans (10,463).

But mortgages processed for investors slipped in every state. The most marked fall was in South Australia, where investment home loans declined from 36.4% to 30.5% month on month. In NSW, investment home loans eased from 49.7% to 48.7%, in QLD from 34.9% to 32.0%, in VIC from 37.2% to 35.9% and in WA from 32.2% to 30.2%. Nationally, investor home loans represent 38.7% of all mortgages processed, down from a peak of 40.3% recorded last month.

Mark Hewitt, General Manager of Sales and Operations says: 'October has traditionally been one of the strongest months for property and the spring buying season is well and truly upon us, which is why we're seeing the increase in owner-occupier loans. Of particular concern, however, is that first home buyer loans have fallen to unprecedented lows in places like New South Wales. If this continues we are going to end up with a whole generation of renters.'

Mortgages processed for first home buyers fell from its previous record low of 8.4% of all home loans in September to just 7.2% nationally. First home buyer loans have declined each month since June this year when they represented 10.8% of all home loans processed. NSW continues to have the fewest first home loan borrowers (2.2%), followed by QLD (4.7%), SA (7.3%), VIC (8.3%) and WA (17.9%). If WA was to be removed from the equation, the average level of first home buying on the eastern seaboard would be around 5% - about a third of the long term average.

More information for each state can be found at www.afgonline.com.au under Media Hub – News and Data.

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AFG MORTGAGES SOLD

TABLE 1: ALL AUSTRALIA

MONTH	TOTAL NUMBER	TOTAL AMOUNT	AVERAGE SIZE	PROPERTY INVESTORS	FIRST TIME BUYERS	% REFINANCE
Aug 13	8,767	\$3,613 m	\$412k	38.7%	11.3%	33.5%
Sept 13	8,660	\$3,624 m	\$418k	38.1%	11.3%	31.5%
Oct 13	9,597	\$4,057 m	\$422k	38.4%	11.1%	34.3%
Nov 13	9,162	\$3,994 m	\$436k	39.3%	10.3%	33.9%
Dec 13	7,213	\$3,054 m	\$423k	38.8%	10.2%	35.1%
Jan 14	6,297	\$2,585 m	\$410k	38.9%	11.8%	33.1%
Feb 14	8,740	\$3,759 m	\$430k	38.9%	9.9%	33.6%
Mar 14	9,264	\$4,048 m	\$436k	39.6%	10.7%	33.9%
Apr 14	8,517	\$3,674 m	\$431k	39.0%	10.1%	34.1%
May 14	9,815	\$4,218 m	\$429k	40.0%	10.2%	34.7%
June 14	8,745	\$3,794 m	\$433k	39.2%	10.8%	36.7%
July 14	9,300	\$4,122 m	\$443k	38.0%	9.8%	36.1%
Aug 14	9,087	\$3,959 m	\$435k	39.0%	9.5%	35.3%
Sep 14	9,839	\$4,365 m	\$443k	40.3%	8.4%	36.0%
Oct 14	10,463	\$4,755 m	\$454k	38.7%	7.2%	34.7%

MAJOR VS NON MAJOR LENDER MARKET SHARE

TABLE 2: BY BUYER TYPE

MONTH	TOTAL MORTGAGES		REFINANCE		FIRST HOME BUYERS		INVESTORS	
	MAJOR	NON-MAJOR	MAJOR	NON-MAJOR	MAJOR	NON-MAJOR	MAJOR	NON-MAJOR
2013 09	73.7%	26.2%	67.1%	32.9%	73.2%	26.8%	76.1%	23.9%
2013 10	74.9%	25.1%	69.6%	30.4%	73.1%	26.9%	76.3%	23.7%
2013 11	72.3%	27.7%	64.4%	35.6%	71.8%	28.2%	74.7%	25.3%
2013 12	73.6%	26.4%	68.3%	31.7%	70.8%	29.2%	75.9%	24.1%
2014 01	76.0%	24.0%	70.0%	30.0%	73.5%	26.5%	80.2%	19.8%
2014 02	73.1%	26.9%	66.7%	33.3%	72.8%	27.2%	75.8%	24.2%
2014 03	74.6%	25.4%	68.2%	31.8%	68.4%	31.6%	76.8%	23.2%
2014 04	75.2%	24.8%	68.9%	31.1%	72.2%	27.8%	76.9%	23.1%
2014 05	74.7%	25.3%	69.2%	30.8%	70.4%	29.6%	77.2%	22.8%
2014 06	74.9%	25.1%	70.3%	29.7%	72.6%	27.4%	76.9%	23.1%
2014 07	74.7%	25.3%	67.9%	32.1%	71.4%	28.6%	77.5%	22.5%
2014 08	73.8%	26.2%	68.0%	32.0%	69.3%	30.7%	76.8%	23.2%
2014 09	73.2%	26.8%	64.9%	35.1%	68.1%	31.9%	75.5%	24.5%
2014 10	71.7%	28.3%	67.5%	32.5%	69.1%	30.9%	73.8%	26.2%

AVERAGE MORTGAGE SIZE IN DOLLARS

TABLE 3 : STATE BY STATE

MONTH	AUSTRALIA	NSW	QLD	SA	VIC	WA	NT
2013 08	412,125	505,365	352,671	315,098	391,988	410,861	392,414
2013 09	418,550	507,859	357,343	324,148	397,162	421,761	374,346
2013 10	422,758	512,192	355,836	353,916	414,923	410,299	383,306
2013 11	436,002	529,136	360,296	338,946	427,537	436,015	399,299
2013 12	423,510	516,483	358,121	319,007	406,055	437,591	379,182
2014 01	410,543	485,268	350,785	326,646	418,752	416,173	380,723
2014 02	430,194	518,145	357,754	333,958	419,253	430,772	378,874
2014 03	436,983	529,763	372,809	339,568	417,604	435,643	367,476
2014 04	431,484	528,674	364,432	334,894	408,827	439,959	423,630
2014 05	429,794	524,009	369,926	323,841	416,521	423,236	391,383
2014 06	433,960	526,954	373,126	335,919	419,893	424,349	425,155
2014 07	443,244	506,696	373,911	335,791	469,672	434,707	397,685
2014 08	435,782	532,105	365,571	338,525	422,125	428,916	401,888
2014 09	443,729	545,048	359,100	325,999	426,979	450,527	379,036
2014 10	454,516	577,439	367,670	352,569	425,011	437,373	408,427

LOAN VALUE RATIOS (loan stated as % of property value)

TABLE 4: STATE BY STATE

	AUSTRALIA	NSW	QLD	SA	VIC	WA	NT
2013 09	68.5%	68.0%	69.0%	68.5%	71.2%	73.8%	60.5%
2013 10	69.1%	66.4%	70.1%	71.1%	70.7%	71.7%	64.6%
2013 11	68.9%	65.5%	69.8%	68.6%	71.0%	70.7%	67.9%
2013 12	67.3%	65.4%	68.7%	70.0%	69.5%	71.3%	59.2%
2014 01	68.0%	64.5%	68.8%	68.9%	72.3%	71.6%	61.6%
2014 02	68.0%	65.6%	69.0%	67.8%	72.0%	71.0%	62.3%
2014 03	68.0%	64.6%	68.0%	70.9%	71.9%	71.3%	61.3%
2014 04	66.7%	64.2%	65.0%	70.3%	72.4%	70.5%	58.1%
2014 05	68.8%	65.7%	68.0%	68.5%	71.4%	70.5%	68.6%
2014 06	66.6%	64.1%	66.7%	68.6%	70.6%	69.8%	59.8%
2014 07	68.2%	63.3%	67.3%	67.3%	71.2%	71.5%	68.4%
2014 08	69.5%	64.3%	67.8%	70.4%	70.9%	71.1%	72.5%
2014 09	66.9%	65.1%	66.3%	67.4%	72.6%	70.3%	60.0%
2014 10	67.9%	65.8%	67.5%	71.7%	72.0%	69.4%	61.1%

LOAN TYPE

TABLE 5 : ALL AUSTRALIA*

MONTH	BASIC	EQUITY	FIXED	INTRO	STANDARD
Sept 13	5.9%	4.9%	20.1%	4.7%	64.4%
Oct 13	5.6%	4.7%	20.7%	4.2%	64.8%
Nov 13	5.9%	5.0%	20.8%	4.3%	64.0%
Dec 13	6.1%	5.1%	18.5%	4.8%	65.6%
Jan 14	6.4%	4.6%	17.5%	6.7%	64.8%
Feb 14	6.0%	5.1%	18.3%	5.3%	65.3%
Mar 14	6.1%	5.1%	17.2%	5.6%	66.0%
Apr 14	5.9%	5.3%	17.5%	5.5%	65.9%
May 14	6.9%	5.1%	17.6%	5.3%	65.1%
June 14	6.2%	5.0%	17.2%	5.1%	66.6%
July 14	6.3%	4.8%	16.8%	6.6%	65.5%
Aug 14	6.5%	4.2%	17.8%	6.3%	65.2%
Sept 14	6.2%	4.3%	18.2%	5.9%	65.3%
Oct 14	5.2%	4.1%	18.2%	5.6%	66.9%

*Data has varied since last month's table due to the inclusion of loans previously unspecified.

DEFINITIONS

1. **Standard Variable:** includes the full range of features available.
2. **Basic Variable:** without some features, lower fees and rates.
3. **Intro:** also known as 'honeymoon' where the borrower is offered a very cheap initial rate (fixed or variable) before the loan reverts to a Standard Variable.
4. **Fixed:** interest rate is fixed for a nominated period before it reverts to a Standard Variable.
5. **Equity:** also known as 'line of credit' allows the borrower to draw out money up to a specified limit. Generally more expensive than Standard Variable loans.

NOTE TO EDITORS

AFG is Australia's largest mortgage broking group and one of the country's largest financial services companies. Established in 1994, the company now provides more than 20% of brokers nationwide with access to Australia's leading lending institutions, and has a mortgage book in excess of \$89 billion.