STATE OF CALIFORNIA

BUSINESS, TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING AGENCY DEPARTMENT OF CORPORATIONS

TO: Piyush B. Patel, aka Pat Patel, President
Elite Financial & Insurance Services, Inc.
also doing business as 777 Consulting Services LLC and Elite Financial Inc.
10256 East Bullard Avenue
Clovis, California 93611
and
P.O. Box 2142
Clovis, California 93613

DESIST AND REFRAIN ORDER

(For violations of sections 25210, 25230 and 25401 of the Corporations Code)

The California Corporations Commissioner finds that:

- 1. Elite Financial & Insurance Services, Inc. is a California Corporation first incorporated on September 26, 1996, and suspended in 2003 according to records of the California Secretary of State. Its principal place of business was 10256 East Bullard Avenue, Clovis, California 93611, with a registered mailing address of P.O. Box 2142, Clovis, California. Piyush B. Patel, also known as "Pat Patel" (hereinafter "Patel") is the president and agent for service of process of Elite Financial & Insurance Services, Inc. Patel and Elite Financial & Insurance Services, Inc. also regularly did business under the name 777 Consulting Services LLC and also used the name "Elite Financial Inc." on contracts and documents provided to clients at various times.
- 2. Elite Financial Inc. is also the registered name of a California Corporation, with a principal place of business located in Fresno, California, less than 10 miles from Elite Financial & Insurance Services, Inc.'s principal place of business. That corporation is the subject, along with its president Janamjot Singh Sodhi, aka Jimmy Sodhi, (Sodhi) of a prior Desist and Refrain Order issued by the California Department of Corporations on January 6, 2009 for violations of Corporations Code Sections 25210 and 25230. Sodhi is currently a defendant in a criminal prosecution for investment

fraud filed by the United States Attorney's Office in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of California. Patel told investors that he and his companies had no connection to Sodhi or his company, Elite Financial Inc.

- 3. Beginning in or about 2007, Patel and Elite Financial & Insurance Services, Inc., also doing business as 777 Consulting Services LLC and Elite Financial Inc. were engaged in the business of offering investment advice for a fee to members of the public and of inducing and effecting the purchase and sale of securities by their customers. This included the sale of investment advice in managing stock trading accounts managed by Patel, as well as selling investment interests in "managed funds" that were bought and sold amongst investors through Patel. Patel told investors in the "managed funds" that investors' money was held in the fund and invested until a specified maturity date when it could then be withdrawn from the fund. Patel told investors who purchased interests in the managed funds that the money in the managed fund would be held in secure money market funds from that point on and not used to trade in the stock market until the maturity date when they would then receive the return of their investment with the profit that had been earned by the fund. However, the "managed funds" sold through Patel did not return any money to investors on the specified maturity date or at any time thereafter.
- 4. In or about 2007, Patel and Elite Financial & Insurance Services, Inc., also doing business as 777 Consulting Services LLC and Elite Financial Inc. also offered and sold "subscription agreements" for stock in a company called CU Global, Inc., a Nevada Corporation. Patel claimed to be authorized to and did sign the subscription agreements on behalf of CU Global, Inc. selling stock in the company. Patel told investors in the subscription agreements that CU Global, Inc. was soon to have an initial public offer of its stock which would increase in value dramatically. In January of 2010, Patel told investors that he had done extensive work with CU Global, Inc. on their effort to merge with HIRU Inc., a Nevada Corporation, but claimed that the market conditions and government approval process was delaying that merger which was still in process. However, according to the records of the Nevada Secretary of State, no company using the name "HIRU" has ever been incorporated in Nevada, and CU Global, Inc.'s corporate status had previously been revoked in December of 2009. CU Global, Inc. never became qualified to offer publically traded

stock and its corporate status has been revoked. None of the investors Patel sold "subscription agreements" for stock in CU Global, Inc. ever received stock certificates, or any of their investment back.

- 5. The California Corporations Commissioner is of the opinion that Patel and Elite Financial & Insurance Services, Inc., also doing business as 777 Consulting Services LLC and Elite Financial Inc. were engaged in the business of inducing or attempting to induce the purchase and sale of securities in this state without having first applied for and secured a license authorizing them to act in the capacity of a securities broker-dealer, in violation of section 25210 of the Corporate Securities Law of 1968.
- 6. Patel and Elite Financial & Insurance Services, Inc., also doing business as 777 Consulting Services LLC and Elite Financial Inc. have neither applied for nor secured from the California Corporations Commissioner the certificate required to effect or induce the purchase or sale of securities or otherwise operate in the capacity of a securities broker-dealer in the State of California, nor were they exempt from such licensing requirements at the time.
- 7. Pursuant to Corporations Code section 25532, Patel and Elite Financial & Insurance Services, Inc., also doing business as 777 Consulting Services LLC and Elite Financial Inc. are hereby ordered to desist and refrain from effecting any transaction in, or inducing the purchase or sale of, any security in this state, unless and until they have applied for and secured from the Commissioner a certificate authorizing them to act in that capacity or unless exempt.
- 8. The California Corporations Commissioner is further of the opinion that Patel and Elite Financial & Insurance Services, Inc., also doing business as 777 Consulting Services LLC and Elite Financial Inc. were engaged in the business of acting as an investment adviser in the state without having first applied for and secured a license authorizing them to act in the capacity of an investment adviser, in violation of section 25230 of the Corporate Securities Law of 1968.
- 9. Patel and Elite Financial & Insurance Services, Inc., also doing business as 777 Consulting Services LLC and Elite Financial Inc. have neither applied for nor secured from the California Corporations Commissioner the certificate required to operate in the capacity of an investment adviser in the State of California, nor were they exempt from such licensing requirements at the time.

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state, unless and until they have applied for and secured from the Commissioner a certificate 11. The California Corporations Commissioner is further of the opinion that Patel and Elite Financial & Insurance Services, Inc., also doing business as 777 Consulting Services LLC and Elite Financial Inc. offered and sold securities in the form of "subscription agreements" for stock in CU Global, Inc. and interests in "managed funds" by means of written and oral communications including untrue statements of material facts and omissions of material facts necessary to make the statements not misleading, in violation of section 25401 of the Corporations Code.

Financial & Insurance Services, Inc., also doing business as 777 Consulting Services LLC and Elite Financial Inc. are hereby ordered to desist and refrain from offering or selling any security in the State of California, by means of any written or oral communication which includes an untrue statement of a material fact or omits to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements made, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

This Order is necessary, in the public interest, for the protection of investors and consistent with the purposes, policies, and provisions of the Corporate Securities Law of 1968 and the

Dated: February 28, 2012 Los Angeles, California

> JAN LYNN OWEN California Corporations Commissioner

 $By_{\underline{}}$ ALAN S. WEINGER **Deputy Commissioner Enforcement Division**

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