

1 STATE OF CALIFORNIA
2 BUSINESS, TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING AGENCY
3 DEPARTMENT OF CORPORATIONS
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5 TO: CHRIS SKIPPER, DIRECTOR
6 STRATEGIC STOCK INTELLIGENCE, INC.
7 4900 Woodway, #750
8 Houston, Texas 77055
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10 DESIST AND REFRAIN ORDER
11 (For violations of section 25230 of the Corporations Code)

12 The California Corporations Commissioner finds that:

13 1. At all relevant times **Chris Skipper, Director**, and **Strategic Stock**
14 **Intelligence, Inc.**, are or have, personally or through agents of Strategic Stock Intelligence,
15 Inc., has been engaging in the business of advising residents of the State of California in the
16 purchasing of securities and for compensation.

17 2. Beginning in or about May 2002, **Chris Skipper, Director**, and **Strategic**
18 **Stock Intelligence, Inc.** faxed or caused to be faxed to a California resident a bulletin that
19 promoted stock in American Energy Services, Inc. The newsletter or bulletin stated, inter
20 alia, that the research staff at **Strategic Stock Intelligence, Inc.** had “uncovered” a gem of
21 a company that is in the lucrative energy services sector; congratulated investors that had
22 followed the advice of a previous newsletter when it was released and purchased stock in
23 “DIET” as realizing a gain of up to 500%; referred to American Energy Services, Inc. as a
24 “well-positioned company” in the oil and gas industry; and described energy prices as
25 “skyrocketing” and “predictions indicate this is a continuing trend for the foreseeable future.”

26 3. **Chris Skipper, Director**, and **Strategic Stock Intelligence, Inc.** state in
27 much smaller lettering or type in the bulletin or newsletter that it was paid \$75,000 by a
28 “third party investor” of American Energy Services, Inc.

1 4. The Department of Corporations has not issued a certification or other form of
2 qualification authorizing **Chris Skipper, Director, or Strategic Stock Intelligence, Inc.** to
3 act as an investment adviser in this State. **Chris Skipper, Director, or Strategic Stock**
4 **Intelligence, Inc.** do not meet the exclusions identified in Section 25009 of the Corporate
5 Code or the exemption that is identified in Section 25230.1 of the Corporate Code.

6 Based upon the foregoing findings, the California Corporations Commissioner is of
7 the opinion that **Chris Skipper, Director, Strategic Stock Intelligence, Inc.** and affiliates
8 or subsidiaries are subject to the laws regulating investment advisers under the California
9 Corporate Securities Law of 1968 and are advising or have advised California residents to
10 purchase stock in American Energy Services, Inc. in violation of Corporations Code section
11 25230. Pursuant to Section 25532 of the Corporate Code, **Chris Skipper, Director,**
12 **Strategic Stock Intelligence, Inc.,** or any affiliates or subsidiaries are ordered to **DESIST**
13 **and REFRAIN** from the further advising California residents to buy or sell securities, unless
14 and until, **Chris Skipper, Director,** and/or **Strategic Stock Intelligence, Inc.** has been
15 certified as an investment adviser or otherwise qualified.

16 This Order is necessary, in the public interest, for the protection of investors and
17 consistent with the purposes, policies, and provisions of the Corporate Securities Law of
18 1968.

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20 Dated: May 28, 2002

21 Sacramento, California

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DEMETRIOS A. BOUTRIS
California Corporations Commissioner

By _____
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