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STATE OF CALIFORNIA
BUSINESS, TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING AGENCY
DEPARTMENT OF CORPORATIONS

TO: Mark E. Sumpter
Abode Investments, L.L.C.
6220 Blue Ridge Cutoff, Suite 204
Raytown, MO 64133

DESIST AND REFRAIN ORDER
(For violations of sections 25110 and 25401 of the Corporations Code)

The California Corporations Commissioner finds that:

1. At all relevant times, Mark E. Sumpter is and was the control person of Abode Investments, L.L.C., a Missouri limited liability company formed on January 2, 2002. Abode Investments, L.L.C. maintains a business address at 6220 Blue Ridge Cutoff, Suite 204, Raytown, MO 64133.
2. Beginning in our about March 2005, Mark E. Sumpter and Abode Investments, L.L.C. offered and sold securities in the form of promissory notes with a 10% monthly rate of return.
3. Through general solicitations, in the form of in person sales presentations, Mark E. Sumpter and Abode Investments, L.L.C. offered and sold promissory notes to California residents.
4. The purported purpose of the offering was to raise funds to purchase real property in Jackson County, Missouri and then resell said real property for a profit.

1 5. These securities were offered and sold in this state in issuer transactions. The
2 Department of Corporations has not issued a permit or other form of qualification authorizing any
3 person to offer or sell these securities in this state.
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5 6. In connection with these offers and sales, Mark E. Sumpter and Abode Investments,
6 L.L.C. represented to investors that investor funds would be used to purchase real property in Jackson
7 County, Missouri. In fact, Mark E. Sumpter and Abode Investments, L.L.C. did not use investor
8 funds to purchase real property. Mark E. Sumpter and Abode Investments, L.L.C. used investor
9 funds to pay off other investors and pay business and personal expenses.
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11 Based upon the foregoing findings, the California Corporations Commissioner is of the
12 opinion that the promissory notes of Abode Investments, L.L.C. are securities subject to qualification
13 under the California Corporate Securities Law of 1968 (California Corporations Code section 25000
14 et seq.) and are being or have been offered and sold without being qualified in violation of
15 Corporations Code section 25110. Pursuant to section 25532 of the Corporate Securities Law of
16 1968, Mark E. Sumpter and Abode Investments, L.L.C. are hereby ordered to desist and refrain from
17 the further offer or sale in the State of California of securities, including but not limited to promissory
18 notes, unless and until qualification has been made under the law or unless exempt.
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20 Further, the California Corporations Commissioner is of the opinion that the securities were
21 offered and sold in this state by means of written or oral communications which included an untrue
22 statement of a material fact or omitted to state a material fact necessary in order to make the
23 statements made, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, in
24 violation of section 25401 of the Corporate Securities Law of 1968. Pursuant to section 25532 of the
25 Corporate Securities Law of 1968, Mark E. Sumpter and Abode Investments, L.L.C. are hereby
26 ordered to desist and refrain from offering or selling or buying or offering to buy any security in the
27 State of California, including but not limited to promissory notes, by means of any written or oral
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1 communication which includes an untrue statement of a material fact or omits to state a material fact
2 necessary in order to make the statements made, in the light of the circumstances under which they
3 were made, not misleading.

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

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8 Dated: March 16, 2007
9 Los Angeles, California

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PRESTON DuFAUCHARD
California Corporations Commissioner

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By: _____
ALAN S. WEINGER
Lead Corporations Counsel

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