

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA
BUSINESS, CONSUMER SERVICES AND HOUSING AGENCY
DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS OVERSIGHT**

TO: Marc Jay Bryant (A/K/A Marc Jay Welch)
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DESIST AND REFRAIN ORDER

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

The California Commissioner of Business Oversight finds that:

1. At all relevant times herein, Marc Jay Bryant (A/K/A Marc Jay Welch) (“Bryant”) is an individual who works in the Los Angeles, California area.

2. At all relevant times herein, Vertex International Group, LLC (“Vertex”), is an active status Wyoming limited liability corporation with a principal office address at 19335 Vista Grande Way, Northridge, California 91326. Bryant is the managing member of Vertex and is a “control” person of Vertex within the meaning of Corporations Code section 160. Vertex maintained a website at www.verrtex.com.

3. At all relevant times herein, Bechtel Advisory Group, Inc. (“Bechtel”), is an active status Wyoming corporation with an address at 9250 Reseda Blvd, #224, Northridge, California 91324. Bryant is the President of Bechtel and is a “control” person of Bechtel within the meaning of Corporations Code section 160. Bechtel maintained a website at www.bechtelgroup.net.

4. Since at least 2012, Bryant has run a boiler room operation from the San Fernando Valley area of Los Angeles, California. Bryant targets elderly victims in his scheme.

1 5. Bryant offers and sells securities of companies in the alternative energy and food
2 industries, such as Global Energy Technology Group (“Global Energy”), a penny stock touted by
3 Bryant as a leader in fish farming.

4 6. Bryant recruits sales persons for his boiler room on online job boards, including
5 Craigslist. For example, on Craigslist in August 2014, Bryant sought “heavy weight closers” with
6 previous experience successfully selling securities. Bryant claimed that sales representatives
7 working for him could make up to thirty thousand a month selling apparent farmland investments
8 over the phone to people named in lead lists.

9 7. As part of the scheme, Bryant set up a number of shell companies through which
10 money from investors would be funneled, including without limitation, the Vertex and Bechtel
11 corporations. Bryant rented virtual office spaces in the name of his shell companies in order to
12 obtain a physical address that would add legitimacy to the scheme and that would serve as a
13 difficult-to-trace address to which his investors would mail their checks. Bryant also set up a
14 number of bank accounts for the shell companies on which Bryant was the sole signatory. Bryant
15 deposited his investor’s funds into the accounts of his shell companies.

16 8. In the winter of 2012, Bryant, through Vertex, entered into a stock purchase
17 agreement with at least two members of the general public through which the purchasers acquired
18 shares of Global Energy. Payments were sent to a physical mailing address in California of a
19 virtual office space paid for by Bryant and were deposited in Bryant’s shell company bank account.

20 9. In the spring of 2013, Bryant, through Bechtel, entered into a stock purchase
21 agreement with a member of the general public through which the person exchanged \$50,000.00 for
22 250,000 shares of Global Energy. Payment was sent to a physical mailing address of a virtual
23 office space paid for by Bryant and was deposited in Bryant’s shell company bank account.

24 10. Bryant, through his shell companies, took in at least \$100,000.00 from investors.

25 11. The stock purchase agreements sold by Bryant, Vertex and Bechtel constitute
26 securities under Corporations Code section 25019.

27 12. Bryant, Vertex and Bechtel are not licensed by the State of California, or any other
28 similar licensing entity, to act as a broker-dealer or as an investment adviser in this state.

1 13. On September 4, 2013, the Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions, Division
2 of Securities, issued a Cease and Desist Order (“2013 Order”) against Vertex after finding that
3 Vertex violated Wisconsin state law by fraudulently offering Global Energy shares that had not
4 been registered. The 2013 Order also found that Vertex had also violated Wisconsin law by
5 transacting business as a broker-dealer without registration. The 2013 Order is a final order.

6 14. In connection with the offer and sale of securities, Bryant, Vertex and Bechtel made,
7 or caused to be made, misrepresentations of material fact or omitted to state material facts necessary
8 in order to make the statements made, in the light of the circumstances under which they were
9 made, not misleading, in violation of sections 25401 of the Corporations Code. These
10 misrepresentations and omissions included, but are not limited to the following:

- 11 a. Claiming that Global Energy shares would shortly “roll over” into shares of a
12 publicly-traded company on a 3-to-1 basis;
- 13 b. Claiming that investors would earn a return of at least 4 to 5 times their
14 initial investment; and
- 15 c. Failing to disclose that the Global Energy shares acquired by the investors
16 were actually restricted shares that were not freely transferable and could not be sold for an
17 undetermined period of time, if ever.

18 Based on the foregoing findings, the California Commissioner of Business Oversight is of
19 the opinion that Marc Jay Bryant (A/K/A Marc Jay Welch), Vertex International Group, LLC, and
20 Bechtel Advisory Group, Inc. engaged in the business of effecting transactions in securities in this
21 state for the account of others and effected a transaction in, or induced or attempted to induce the
22 purchase or sale of, a security in this state without authorization of the commissioner, in violation of
23 section 25210 of the Corporations Code.

24 Pursuant to section 25532 of the Corporations Code, Marc Jay Bryant (A/K/A Marc Jay
25 Welch), Vertex International Group, LLC, and Bechtel Advisory Group, Inc. are hereby ordered to
26 desist and refrain from acting as a broker-dealer or engaging in broker-dealer activities in this state
27 without first obtaining the commissioner’s authorization.

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Based on the foregoing findings, the California Commissioner of Business Oversight is of the opinion that the securities offered and sold by Marc Jay Bryant (A/K/A Marc Jay Welch), Vertex International Group, LLC, and Bechtel Advisory Group, Inc. were offered and sold in this state by means of written or oral communications that included untrue statements of material fact or omitted to state material facts necessary in order to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, in violation of section 25401 of the Corporations Code.

Pursuant to section 25532 of the Corporations Code, Marc Jay Bryant (A/K/A Marc Jay Welch), Vertex International Group, LLC, and Bechtel Advisory Group, Inc. are hereby ordered to desist and refrain from offering or selling any security in the State of California, including, but not limited to, stock purchase agreements by means of 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 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.

Dated: January 8, 2016
Sacramento, California

JAN LYNN OWEN
Commissioner of Business Oversight

By _____
MARY ANN SMITH
Deputy Commissioner
Enforcement Division