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

**TO:** Escrowcheque.net  
Escrow Cheque Corporation  
6320 Canoga Avenue, 15<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Woodland Hills, CA 91367

**DESIST AND REFRAIN ORDER**  
**(For violations of sections 17200, 17210.2 and 17403 of the California Financial Code)**

The California Corporations Commissioner finds that:

1. Escrowcheque.net and Escrow Cheque Corporation have engaged in the business of an escrow agent by advertising escrow services over the internet at [www.escrowcheque.net](http://www.escrowcheque.net) as follows:

a) Escrowcheque.net represents that it is Escrow Cheque Corporation, and that it is located at 6320 Canoga Avenue, 15<sup>th</sup> Floor, Woodland Hills, California 91367. Escrowcheque.net and Escrow Cheque Corporation claim to be an independent, licensed, bonded and insured escrow company, incorporated in California in 1983.

b) A company with a similar name, The Escrow Cheque Corp. (license no. 963-1100) is licensed as an escrow agent by the Department of Corporations (“Department”) and is located at 22900 Ventura Boulevard, Suite 360, Woodland Hills, California 91364. The Escrow Cheque Corp. is not associated with Escrowcheque.net or Escrow Cheque Corporation.

c) Escrowcheque.net provides on its website links to government documents, including secretary of state filings and a County of Los Angeles business license. These documents include filings made by the Department’s licensee, The Escrow Cheque Corp., which have been forged, altered and are misrepresented as belonging to Escrowcheque.net and/or The Escrow Cheque

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3 2. Neither Escrowcheque.net nor Escrow Cheque Corporation, has been issued a license from  
4 the Commissioner authorizing it to conduct business as an escrow agent, as required by California  
5 Financial Code section 17200.

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7 3. Neither Escrowcheque.net nor Escrow Cheque Corporation, is exempt from the licensing  
8 requirements of California Financial Code section 17200.

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10 4. Neither Escrowcheque.net nor Escrow Cheque Corporation, has been issued a license from  
11 the Commissioner authorizing it to use words indicating that it is in the escrow business, as required  
12 by California Financial Code section 17403.

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14 5. Escrowcheque.net and Escrow Cheque Corporation have disseminated or caused to be  
15 disseminated false, misleading and/or deceptive statements or representations by providing links on  
16 their website to certain California Secretary of State and other government documents filed by the  
17 Department's licensee, The Escrow Cheque Corp., which have been forged or altered and are  
18 misrepresented as belonging to Escrowcheque.net and/or The Escrow Cheque Corporation, in  
19 violation of California Financial Code section 17210.2.

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21 Based upon the foregoing findings, the California Corporations Commissioner is of the opinion that  
22 Escrowcheque.net and Escrow Cheque Corporation, and their officers, directors, partners, agents,  
23 employees and/or servants are in violation of California Financial Code sections 17200, 17210.2(a)  
24 and 17403(a). Pursuant to California Financial Code section 17416, Escrowcheque.net and Escrow  
25 Cheque Corporation, are hereby ordered to desist and refrain from engaging in the business of  
26 receiving escrows for deposit or delivery without first obtaining a license from the Commissioner.  
27 Pursuant to California Financial Code section 17403(b), Escrowcheque.net and Escrow Cheque  
28 Corporation, are further ordered to immediately desist and refrain from issuing, circulating, or

1 publishing any advertisement by means of any communication, including any website, or making use  
2 of or circulating any letterheads, billheads, blank notes, blank receipts, blank escrow instructions,  
3 certificates, circulars, or any written or printed paper containing any fictitious or corporate name or  
4 other words indicating that they are in the escrow business. Pursuant to California Financial Code  
5 section 17210.2(c), Escrowcheque.net and Escrow Cheque Corporation, are further ordered to  
6 immediately desist and refrain from disseminating, or causing or permitting to be disseminated, in  
7 any manner whatsoever, any statement or representation which is false, misleading, or deceptive, or  
8 which omits to state material information, or which refers to the supervision of that agent by the State  
9 of California or any department or official thereof.

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11 This Order is necessary, in the public interest, for the protection of investors and consistent with the  
12 purposes, policies and provisions of the California Escrow Law. This order shall remain in full force  
13 and effect until further order of the California Corporations Commissioner.

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15 Dated: March 16, 2006  
16 Sacramento, California

17 WAYNE STRUMPFER  
18 Acting California Corporations Commissioner

19 By: \_\_\_\_\_  
20 ALAN S. WEINGER  
21 Acting Deputy Commissioner  
22 Enforcement Division  
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