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

**TO:** Dmitry Astahov, Personal Manager  
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United Business Invest, Inc.  
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**DESIST AND REFRAIN ORDER**  
**(For violations of sections 25210 and 25230 of the Corporations Code)**

The California Corporations Commissioner finds that:

1. At all relevant times, Dmitry Astahov (“Astahov”) was employed as a Personal Manager of United Business Invest, Inc. (“United Business Invest”), a California corporation formed on July 18, 2000 with an address of 33 East Yale Loop, Irvine, California 92604 and World Wide Web addresses of www.ubinvest.com and www.unitedbusinessinvest.us.
2. At all relevant times, the Administrative Contact for the web address www.ubinvest.com was Shmuel Manne (“Manne”), also known as reg1122@pochta.ru over the Internet, and the Administrative Contact for the web address www.unitedbusinessinvest.us was Ekaterina Pontsova (“Pontsova”), also known as reg1122@mail.com over the Internet.

1 3. At all relevant times, Hakim Kazi (“Kazi”) was the President of United Business Invest.

2 4. Beginning in or about June 15, 2006, Astahov, Manne, Pontsova, Kazi, and United Business  
3 Invest began offering over the Internet employment in California with United Business Invest to be a  
4 “financial manager” and to aid in their business of advising others who want to invest in Russian  
5 industries. Internet users are contacted by Astahov via email and are told that United Business Invest  
6 is looking for “financial managers” in America because its American clients are not allowed by law  
7 to pay money directly to Russia for the company’s services.

8 5. The services of United Business Invest are described as helping institutional investors and  
9 high-net-worth investors “to make successful private equity investments to optimize their portfolio  
10 management.” United Business Invest’s services include “all aspects of investment research and  
11 analysis, due diligence, fund administration, in addition to maintaining the broad vision required to  
12 identify and capture private equity investment opportunities wherever they arise.” United Business  
13 Invest claims to help American businessmen to carry out the financial analysis of the Russian market  
14 for more effective investment of their capital.

15 6. United Business Invest claims to already have some clients in the United States, for whom it  
16 claims to search the most favorable investment offers in the financial market of Russia. The  
17 Financial Manager position was promised compensation of 10 percent of all payments from clients  
18 for the services of United Business Invest, amounting to approximately \$7000 per month.

19 7. After one year of employment, a Financial Manager was promised to become an Advertising  
20 Manager, whose duty is to search for prospective clients and solicit potential investors who are ready  
21 to invest in the financial markets of Russia. The compensation of an Advertising Manager is 15  
22 percent of all payments from clients for the services of United Business Invest.

23 Based upon the foregoing, the California Corporations Commissioner is of the opinion that  
24 Dmitry Astahov, Shmuel Manne also known as reg1122@pochta.ru, Ekaterina Pontsova also known  
25 as reg1122@mail.com, Hakim Kazi and United Business Invest, Inc. have engaged in unlicensed  
26 investment adviser activity without having first applied for and secured from the Commissioner a  
27 certificate, then in effect, authorizing these persons to do so in violation of section 25230 of the  
28 Corporate Securities Law of 1968. Pursuant to section 25532 of the Corporate Securities Law of

1 1968, Dmitry Astahov, Shmuel Manne also known as reg1122@pochta.ru, Ekaterina Pontsova also  
2 known as reg1122@mail.com, Hakim Kazi and United Business Invest, Inc. are hereby ordered to  
3 desist and refrain from advising others, either directly or through writings, as to the value of  
4 securities or as to the advisability of investing in purchasing or selling securities for compensation  
5 unless and until they have applied for and secured from the Commissioner a certificate, then in effect,  
6 authorizing these persons to act in that capacity, or unless exempt.

7 In addition, based upon the foregoing, the California Corporations Commissioner is of the  
8 opinion that Dmitry Astahov, Shmuel Manne also known as reg1122@pochta.ru, Ekaterina Pontsova  
9 also known as reg1122@mail.com, Hakim Kazi and United Business Invest, Inc. have effected  
10 transactions in securities as broker-dealers without having first applied for and secured from the  
11 Commissioner a certificate, authorizing these persons to act in that capacity, in violation of section  
12 25210 of the Corporate Securities Law of 1968. Pursuant to section 25532 of the Corporate  
13 Securities Law of 1968, Dmitry Astahov, Shmuel Manne also known as reg1122@pochta.ru,  
14 Ekaterina Pontsova also known as reg1122@mail.com, Hakim Kazi and United Business Invest, Inc.  
15 are hereby ordered to desist and refrain from effecting any transaction in, or inducing or attempting to  
16 induce the purchase or sale of, any security in this state, unless and until they have applied for and  
17 secured from the Commissioner a certificate, then in effect, authorizing these persons to act in that  
18 capacity.

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

21 Dated: July 20, 2007  
22 Sacramento, California

PRESTON DuFAUCHARD  
California Corporations Commissioner

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24 By \_\_\_\_\_  
25 SHARON A. LUERAS  
26 Lead Corporations Counsel  
27 Enforcement Division  
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