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

TO: V & M INVESTMENTS, INC. DBA MAIL DEPOT
412 W. Ave. P – D40
Palmdale, California 93551

DESIST AND REFRAIN ORDER
(For violations of California Financial Code section 23005)

The California Corporations Commissioner (“Commissioner”) finds that:

1. V & M Investments, Inc. doing business as Mail Depot (“Mail Depot”) is, and was at all relevant times herein, a California corporation with its principal place of business located at 412 W. Ave. P-D40, Palmdale, California 93551. Vince Bias (“Bias”) is the president and owner of Mail Depot.

2. Mail Depot has engaged in the business of deferred deposit transactions by arranging deferred deposit transactions for, acting as an agent for, and/or assisting Money Mart Express, Inc. (Money Mart”), a deferred deposit originator, in the origination of deferred deposit transactions since at least March 23, 2005 through at least May 3, 2005 as described below.

3. An examination of Mail Depot conducted by the Commissioner in May 2005 disclosed that Mail Depot had arranged deferred deposit transactions for, acted as an agent for, and/or assisted Money Mart in the origination of at least 4 deferred deposit transactions. The examination disclosed that Mail Depot had been engaged in arranging deferred deposit transactions for, acting as an agent for, and/or assisting Money Mart in the origination of deferred deposit transactions since at least January 1, 2005.

4. A deferred deposit transaction is a written transaction whereby one person gives funds to another person upon receipt of a personal check and it is agreed that the personal check shall not be deposited until a later date.

5. Mail Depot was arranging deferred deposit transactions for, acting as an agent for, and/or assisting Money Mart in the origination of deferred deposit transactions by means of

1 handling the application process for Money Mart and distributing Money Mart debit cards.

2 6. Mail Depot is not an employee of Money Mart.

3 7. Mail Depot has not been issued a license by the Commissioner authorizing it to
4 engage in the business of deferred deposit transactions under the California Deferred Deposit
5 Transaction Law (“CDDTL”) (California Financial Code §§ 23000 et seq.).

6 8. Mail Depot is not exempt from the licensing requirements of California Financial
7 Code section 23005.

8 By reason of the foregoing, Mail Depot has engaged in the business of deferred deposit
9 transactions without having first obtained a license from the Commissioner in violation of
10 California Financial Code section 23005.

11 Pursuant to California Financial Code section 23050, Mail Depot is hereby ordered to
12 desist and refrain from engaging in the business of deferred deposit transactions in the State of
13 California without first obtaining a license from the Commissioner, or otherwise being exempt.
14 This Order is necessary, in the public interest, for the protection of consumers and is consistent
15 with the purposes, policies and provisions of the California Deferred Deposit Transaction Law.
16 This order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the California Corporations
17 Commissioner.

18 California Financial Code section 23050 provides in pertinent part:

19 Whenever, in the opinion of the commissioner, any person is engaged in
20 the business of deferred deposit transactions, as defined in this
21 division, without a license from the commissioner . . . the commissioner
22 may order that person or licensee to desist and to refrain from engaging in
23 the business If, within 30 days, after the order is served, a written
request for a hearing is filed and no hearing is held within 30 days thereafter,
the order is rescinded.

24 Dated: June 24, 2005
25 Los Angeles, CA

WAYNE STRUMPFER
Acting California Corporations Commissioner

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27 By _____
28 Steven C. Thompson
Special Administrator
California Deferred Deposit Transaction Law