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

TO: Kelly James Schnorenberg 7988 Witney Place Lone Tree, Colorado 80124

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

The Commissioner of Business Oversight (Commissioner) finds that:

- 1. At all relevant times, Kelly James Schnorenberg (Schnorenberg) was a resident of Lone Tree, Colorado.
- 2. Schnorenberg helped found a series of insurance marketing organizations, named Salus Marketing Enterprises, Premier Advantage Insurance Agency, Trinity Affiliated Group, Hegemon Holdings, Quantum Success Strategies, and WealthSmart America.
- a. From about 2009 to about 2011, Schnorenberg was a control person of with Salus Marketing Enterprises, Premier Advantage Insurance Agency, and Trinity Affiliated Group, LLC.
- b. From about 2011 to about 2012, Schnorenberg was a control person of Hegemon Holdings.
- c. From about 2012 to about 2014, Schnorenberg was a control person of Quantum Success Strategies.
- d. From about 2014 to about 2015, Schnorenberg was a control person of WealthSmart America.
- 3. Beginning in at least 2009 and until at least 2015, Schnorenberg offered and sold securities, in the form of promissory notes, to members of the public.
- 4. Schnorenberg, as an individual, is listed as the borrower on the promissory notes with an address at 7988 Witney Place, Lone Tree, CO 80124. However, under the terms of the promissory

notes, investors could convert their promissory notes into "net profit interest shares" or "voting shares" in the insurance marketing organization that Schnorenberg was currently involved with at the time a promissory note was executed by Schnorenberg.

- 5. Through general solicitations, in the form of an investor recruitment network and inperson seminars attended by potential investors, Schnorenberg and his agents offered and sold these securities in the State of California.
- 6. The purported purpose of the securities offering was to raise funds for the growth of the various insurance marketing organizations.
- 7. These securities were offered or sold in this state in issuer transactions. The Department of Business Oversight has not issued a permit or other form of qualification authorizing any person to offer or sell these securities in this state.
- 8. In connection with the offer and sale of securities, Schnorenberg made, or caused to be made, misrepresentations of material fact or omitted to state material fact necessary in order to make the statements made, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading. The misrepresentations and omissions included, but are not limited to the following:
- a. In 2001, Schnorenberg was permanently enjoined from selling securities in Colorado by the District Court, City and County of Denver, Colorado in a case brought by the Securities Commissioner for the State of Colorado, styled *Joseph v. Global Link Communications Corp et al.* (Case No. 99CV7374);
- b. In 2003, Schnorenberg filed for bankruptcy in United States Bankruptcy Court, District of Colorado. On November 5, 2003 debts were discharged;
- c. In 2005, Schnorenberg was permanently enjoined from selling securities in Colorado by the District Court, City and County of Denver, Colorado in a case brought by the Securities Commissioner for the State of Colorado, styled *Joseph v. Kelly Schnorenberg* (Case No. 05CV4819);
- d. Schnorenberg founded and was involved with various failed insurance marketing organizations. When one of the insurance marketing organizations encountered problems, Schnorenberg would move on to the next organization; and

e. In the promissory notes, Schnorenberg promised high rates of returns to potential investors, sometimes as high as 12 percent per year. However, Schnorenberg failed to disclose to potential investors that prior investors who received promissory notes did not receive their promised rates of returns.

Based on the foregoing findings, the Commissioner of Business Oversight is of the opinion that the convertible promissory notes sold by Kelly James Schnorenberg are securities subject to qualification under the California Corporate Securities Law of 1968 (CSL) and are being or have been offered or sold without being qualified or exempt, in violation of section 25110 of the CSL.

Pursuant to section 25532 of the CSL, Kelly James Schnorenberg is hereby ordered to desist and refrain from the further offer or sale in the State of California of securities, including, but not limited to convertible promissory notes, unless and until qualification has been made under said law or unless exempt.

Further, the Commissioner of Business Oversight is of the opinion that the securities offered by Kelly James Schnorenberg were offered 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 the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, in violation of section 25401 of the CSL.

Pursuant to section 25532 of the CSL, Kelly James Schnorenberg is hereby ordered to desist and refrain from offering or selling any security in the State of California, including, but not limited to convertible promissory notes by means of any 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 the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

Pursuant to section 25403 of the CSL, any person who controls or induces another person to violate a provision of the CSL, or any person who provides substantial assistance to another person in the violation of the CSL, shall be liable for the violation.

This Order is necessary, in the public interest, for the protection of investors and consistent with the purposes, policies, and provisions of the CSL.