

IN THE MATTER OF:

CONSENT ORDER

Joseph Stanford
48124 268th St.
Sioux Falls, SD 57005

JURISDICTION

- ## HISTORY OF THE CASE

6. That the Division of Insurance, formerly the Division of Securities, obtained evidence that the Renford Group advertised the availability of investments in real estate on its website, in other sites online, and in other media.
7. That on February 9, 2016, the Division received an amended Regulation Form D filing from the Renford Group, claiming an exemption from registration under Rule 506(c).

8. That Renford Group sold approximately \$350,000 in securities to non-accredited investors, a number of which were South Dakota residents.
9. That on March 2, 2016, the Division issued the Renford Group an Order to Cease and Desist and Refrain and Opportunity for Hearing and Administrative Complaint. The Division ordered the Renford Group, Mr. Rensink and Mr. Stanford to cease and desist from offering and selling securities in or from the State of South Dakota.

LAW AND APPLICATION

UNREGISTERED SECURITIES

10. That pursuant to SDCL § 47-31B-301, it is unlawful for a person to offer or sell securities in South Dakota unless the securities are either registered or exempt from registration.
11. That pursuant to 17 C.F.R. § 203.502(c), except as provided in § 230.504(b)(1) or § 230.506(c), an issuer, who claims an exemption from registration under Regulation D, or any person acting on its behalf shall not offer or sell securities by any form of general solicitation or general advertising. This includes any advertisement, article, notice or other communication published in any newspaper, magazine, or similar media or broadcast over television or radio and any seminar or meeting whose attendees have been invited by any general solicitation or general advertising.
12. That the Division received evidence that the Renford Group, after filing a Rule 506(b) Regulation D notice filing with the Division, offered securities by general solicitation and general advertisement in South Dakota.
13. That due the Renford Group's general solicitation and general advertising, the Renford Group's exemption as provided in its notice filings is not applicable.

FAILURE TO DISCLOSE

14. That pursuant to SDCL § 47-31B-501, it is unlawful for a person, in connection with the offer, sale or purchase of a security, directly or indirectly:
 - (1) To employ a device, scheme, or artifice to defraud;
 - (2) To make an untrue statement of a material fact or to omit 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; or
 - (3) To engage in an act, practice, or course of business that operates or would operate as a fraud or deceit upon another person.
15. That Renford Group violated SDCL § 47-31B-501(2) by stating that it was registered to offer and sell securities with the Securities and Exchange Commission and the South Dakota Division of Securities, when the company had only notice filed with the Division under an exemption from registration.

16. That Renford Group violated SDCL § 47-31B-501(2) by failing to disclose to investors that Joseph Stanford, Renford Group's former director, was a convicted felon.

PROCEDURE

17. That pursuant to SDCL § 47-31B-602, the Director may conduct public or private investigations within or outside of the state which the Director considers necessary or appropriate to determine compliance with Chapter 47-31B.
18. That pursuant to SDCL § 47-31B-604, if the director determines that a person has violated Chapter 47-31B, the director may issue an order directing the person to cease and desist from engaging in the act, practice or course of business.
19. That all of the above provided sufficient grounds for issuance of a cease and desist order in accordance with the provisions of SDCL § 47-31B-604(a)(1).
20. That pursuant to SDCL § 47-31B-604(d), the Division may impose a fine of up to \$10,000 per violation of Chapter 47-31B.

SETTLEMENT AND ORDER

Based on the foregoing allegations, the parties agree to settle this matter in this Consent Order pursuant to SDCL § 1-26-20. David Rensink and Joseph Stanford accept and consent, without admitting or denying the Division's findings, and solely for the purposes of this proceeding brought by the Division of Insurance prior to a hearing and without an adjudication of any issue of law or fact, to the entry of the following conditions:

1. David Rensink and Joseph Stanford shall permanently cease and desist from offering and selling securities from the state of South Dakota. Offering and selling securities in violation of an Order to cease and desist is a felony.
2. David Rensink and Joseph Stanford shall jointly and severally pay a civil penalty of \$50,000.
3. Division of Insurance shall accept payment of \$35,000 in order to resolve this matter.
4. Division of Insurance shall accept an initial payment from David Rensink and Joseph Stanford of \$2,500 to be paid at the time of signing this Consent Order. The remaining agreed upon amount of \$32,250 shall be paid monthly in equal installments of \$1,250 from the month following the effective date of the Consent Order until the balance of the \$32,250 remaining on civil penalty is paid in full.

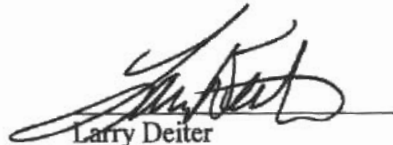
5. In the event of a default on the civil penalty, David Rensink and Joseph Stanford will be in violation of the Consent Order and jointly and severally liable for the remainder of the \$50,000 penalty.

ORDER

This Order is necessary and appropriate in the public interest and for the protection of investors and is consistent with the purposes fairly intended by the policy and provisions of the South Dakota Uniform Securities Act, SDCL 47-31B.

Therefore, good cause appearing from the foregoing, it is hereby ORDERED that David Rensink and Joseph Stanford comply to the conditions outlined in the settlement above, to cease and desist from offering or selling securities in South Dakota from the effective date of this Consent Order, and to pay the civil penalty as described above.

Dated this 25th day of April, 2017.



Larry Deiter
Director
Division of Insurance
Office of Securities
124 S. Euclid Ave., Suite 104
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[Signature pages for David Rensink and Joseph Stanford follow]

SIGNATURE PAGE OF DAVID RENSINK

David Rensink states that no promise of any kind or nature was made to him to induce him to enter into this Order and that he has entered into this Order voluntarily.

David Rensink admits the jurisdiction of the Division of Insurance and consents to the jurisdiction of the Division of Insurance for purposes of this Order.

David Rensink hereby acknowledges that he has been served with a copy of this Consent Order, has read the forgoing Order, is aware of his right to a hearing and appeal in this matter, and has waived the same.

Dated this 25th day of April, 2017.



David Rensink

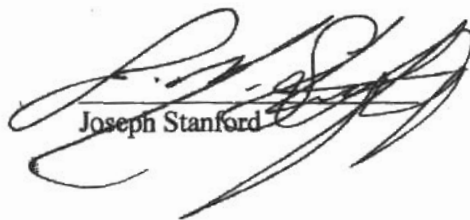
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Dated this 25th day of April, 2017.


Joseph Stanford