

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
SECRETARY OF STATE
SECURITIES DEPARTMENT**

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| IN THE MATTER OF: |) | |
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| GEORGE W. VELISSARIS and |) | No 0900376 |
| his partners, officers and directors, |) | |
| agents, employees, affiliates, |) | |
| successors and assigns. |) | |

TEMPORARY ORDER OF PROHIBITION

**TO RESPONDENT: George W. Velissaris
 1205 Candlewood Hill Road
 Northbrook, Illinois 60062**

On information and belief, I, Jesse White, Secretary of State for the State of Illinois, through my designated representative, who has been fully advised in the premises by the staff of the Securities Department, Office of the Secretary of State, herein find:

1. Respondent George W. Velissaris (at times hereinafter "Velissaris" or "Respondent") has a last known address of 1205 Candlewood Hill Road, Northbrook, Illinois 60062.
2. In May 2005 Velissaris offered to two Illinois residents ("Investors") an opportunity for each to invest \$20,000 (total \$40,000) in an unspecified plan to earn money, and that Investors would "double" their investment "within 6 months".
3. In May 2005 each Investor gave Velissaris a check in the amount of \$20,000.
4. Both of the Investors' \$20,000 checks were placed into Velissaris' bank account, were negotiated, and payment was received by Velissaris in the total amount of \$40,000.
5. The activities described above in paragraphs 3-5 constitute the offer and sale of investment contracts and are therefore a security as those terms are defined in Sections 2.1, 2.5 and 2.5a of the Illinois Securities Law of 1953 [815 ILCS 5] (the "Act").

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6. Respondent Vellisaris failed to pay Investors any of the principal or interest due on the investment contracts.
7. Instead Velassaris repeatedly requested and received from Investors extensions on his time to pay the principal and interest, until November 2007 when the Investors refused to grant another extension and demanded a refund of their money.
8. Respondent failed and refused to notify Investors of the risk involved in the purchase of the investment contracts that could result in the loss of the money paid by the Investors, but rather told the Investors that the investments were “guaranteed and there is no risk at all”.
9. Section 12.F of the Act provides, *inter alia*, that it shall be a violation of the Act for any person to engage in any transaction, practice or course of business in connection with the sale or purchase of securities which works or tends to work a fraud or deceit upon the purchaser or seller thereof.
10. Section 12.G of the Act provides, *inter alia*, that it shall be a violation of the Act for any person to obtain money or property through the sale of securities by means of any untrue statement of a material fact or any omission 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.
11. By virtue of the foregoing, Respondent violated Sections 12.F and 12.G of the Act and will violate them again if they make further offers, or if they make any sales of investment contracts or other securities described above in the State of Illinois.
12. The aforementioned findings are based upon credible evidence.
13. Section 11.F(2) of the Act provides, *inter alia*, that the Secretary of State may temporarily prohibit the offer or sale of securities by any person, without notice and prior hearing, if the Secretary of State shall deem it necessary to prevent an imminent violation of the Act or to prevent losses to investors that will occur as a result of prior violations of the Act.
14. The entry of this Temporary Order of Prohibition prohibiting Respondent, or his agents, affiliates, successors and employees, from offering or selling securities in the State of Illinois is in the public interest and for the protection of the investing public and is consistent with the purposes intended by the provisions of the Act.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT: pursuant to the authority granted by Section 11.F of the Act, Respondent **George W. Velissaris** and his partners, officers

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and directors, agents, employees, affiliates, successors and assigns are **Temporarily Prohibited** from offering or selling securities in or from this State until the further Order of the Secretary of State.

NOTICE is hereby given that Respondent may request a hearing on this matter by transmitting such request in writing to the Director, Illinois Securities Department, 69 West Washington Street, Suite 1220, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Such request must be made within thirty (30) calendar days of the date of entry of the Temporary Order of Prohibition. Upon receipt of a request for hearing, a hearing will be scheduled as soon as reasonably practicable. A request for hearing will not stop the effectiveness of this Temporary Order of Prohibition and will extend the effectiveness of this Temporary Order of Prohibition for sixty (60) days from the date the hearing request is received by the Department.

FAILURE BY ANY RESPONDENT TO REQUEST A HEARING WITHIN THIRTY (30) CALENDAR DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF THIS TEMPORARY ORDER OF PROHIBITION SHALL CONSTITUTE AN ADMISSION OF ANY FACTS ALLEGED HEREIN AND SHALL CONSTITUTE SUFFICIENT BASIS TO MAKE THIS TEMPORARY ORDER OF PROHIBITION FINAL.

Dated: This 27th day of October 2010.



JESSE WHITE
Secretary of State
State of Illinois

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