

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

**IN THE MATTER OF: STANFORD GROUP ASSOCIATES, its
partners officers, directors, agents, employees, affiliates, successors
and assigns.**

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TEMPORARY ORDER OF PROHIBITION

TO RESPONDENT: Stanford Group Associates
 Wheaton, Illinois 60187

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. That Stanford Group Associates (“Respondent”) is a company doing business in the State of Illinois, and purports to be located in Wheaton, Illinois 60187.
2. That an unknown representative of Respondent has phoned (cold called) at least one potential client and offered to purchase, or engage in purchase negotiations for, the potential client’s worthless stock.
3. That Respondent’s website advertised that Respondent is in the business of providing “mergers and acquisitions” services for buyers and sellers.
4. That the activities set forth in paragraphs 2 and 3 above constitute the activity of offering to engage in the business of providing investment advice, or acting as a salesperson or dealer in the State of Illinois within the meaning of Section 2.11, 2.12b, 2.5 and 2.5a of the Illinois Securities Law of 1953 [815 ILCS 5](the “Act”).
5. That Respondent is not and never has been registered as an investment advisor or investment advisor representative, salesperson or dealer in the State of Illinois.
6. That Section 8.A of the Act provides, *inter alia*, that except as otherwise provided in this subsection A, every investment adviser, investment adviser representative, salesperson or dealer shall be registered as such with the Secretary of State.

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7. That Section 12.D of the Act provides, *inter alia*, it shall be a violation of the provisions of this Act for any person to fail to file any application, report or document required to be filed under the provisions of this Act or any rule or regulation made by the Secretary of State pursuant to this Act.
8. That by virtue of offering their services as investment advisors, or salespersons or dealers in the State of Illinois without registration, Respondent Stanford Group Associates violated Sections 8.A and 12.D of the Act.
9. That 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, and may temporarily prohibit the business of rendering investment advice 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.
10. That the entry of this Temporary Order prohibiting Respondent **Stanford Group Associates**, from offering or selling securities in the State of Illinois, and prohibiting Respondent from engaging in the business of rendering investment advice and from offering or selling securities in or from 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 **Stanford Group Associates**, its partners, officers and directors, agents, employees, affiliates, successors and assigns are **PROHIBITED** from offering or selling securities in or from this State; and are **PROHIBITED** from engaging in the business of rendering investment advice in or from this State, until the further Order of the Secretary of State.

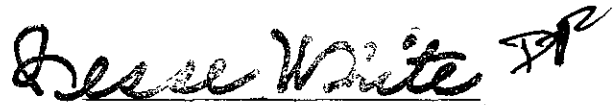
NOTICE is hereby given that Respondent may request a hearing on this matter by transmitting such request in writing to the Director, Illinois Securities Department, 69 West Washington Street, Suite 1220, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Such request must be made within thirty (30) calendar days of the date of 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 and will extend the effectiveness of this Temporary Order for sixty days from the date the hearing request is received by the Department.

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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 17th day of August 2010.

Handwritten signature of Jesse White in black ink, with a stylized flourish at the end.

JESSE WHITE
Secretary of State
State of Illinois

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