

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

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**IN THE MATTER OF:    LARRY BATES, INDIVIDUALLY and  
FIRST AMERICAN MONETARY CONSULTANTS, INC.**

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) Case No. 1300235  
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**TEMPORARY ORDER OF PROHIBITION**

**TO RESPONDENTS:    Mr. Larry Bates  
3780 Winwood Farms LO  
Middleton, Tennessee 38052-4555**

**First American Monetary Consultants, Inc.  
3740 Business Drive, Suite 101  
Memphis, Tennessee 38125**

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 Larry Bates ("Bates") resides at 3780 Winwood Farms LO, Middleton, Tennessee 38052-4555.
2.    That First American Monetary Consultants, Inc. ("FAMC") is a corporation registered for business in the State of Tennessee, incorporated in Colorado, with its principal place of business at 3740 Business Drive, Suite 101, Memphis, Tennessee 38125.
3.    That Bates does business in and from Tennessee as CEO and chief economist for FAMC.
4.    That Bates and FAMC shall be known collectively as "Respondents".
5.    That at all relevant time herein, Respondents made general solicitations to Investors by means of Information Radio Network, Inc. and Information Radio Network/IRN USA Radio News which are carried nationwide to Illinois and other States, and by which these individuals and entities transact business with clients involving the sale and purchase of gold, silver and precious metals.

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6. That around July 2010, Illinois resident Investor DK verbally committed to purchase gold Swiss Francs from FAMC (the "Transaction") for the sum of \$262,000.
7. That subsequently, within Seven (7) days, Illinois resident Investor DK became unsure of his decision to enter the Transaction, and happened to discuss the matter with a second gold seller ("Gold-Seller 2").
8. That Gold-Seller 2 told Illinois resident Investor DK that he could rescind the Transaction with FAMC by a letter delivered within seven (7) days.
9. That Illinois resident Investor DK was able to use the information given him by Gold Seller 2, of which Respondents had known but had not given notice to Investor DK, to rescind the Transaction.
10. That the activities set forth in paragraphs 4 through 8 above constitute the offer and sale of a *Mineral Investment Contract* or *Mineral Deferred Delivery Contract*, as those terms are defined at Sec. 2.26, and 2.27 of the Illinois Securities Law of 1953 (815 ILCS 5) (the "Act").
11. That Section 12.K of the Act provides that it shall be a violation of the provision so of this Act for any person, when offering or selling any mineral investment contract or mineral deferred delivery contract to engage in any transaction practice or course of business that operates as a fraud or deceit upon any customer, prospective customer or offeree.
12. That by virtue of the foregoing, Respondent violated Section 12.K of the Act.
13. That the aforementioned findings are based upon credible evidence.
14. That Section 11 E(2) of the Act provides, *inter alia*, that the if the Secretary of State shall find that any person has violated sub-section K of Section 12 of this Act, the Secretary of State may by written order temporarily prohibit the person from offering or selling any Mineral Investment Contract or Mineral Deferred Delivery Contract in this State.

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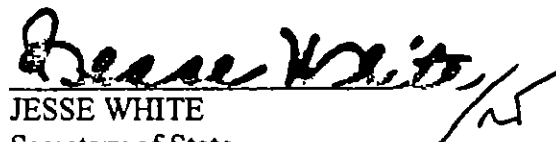
15. That the entry of this Temporary Order prohibiting Respondents, Larry Bates, and FAMC, from offering or selling Mineral Investment Contracts or Mineral Deferred Delivery Contracts in the State of Illinois is in the public interest and for the protection of the investing public and is consistent with the purposes intended by the provisions of the Act.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT: pursuant to the authority granted by Section 11.E(2) of the Act, Respondents Larry Bates and FAMC, their managers, officers and directors, agents, employees, affiliates, representatives, successors and assigns are **PROHIBITED** from offering or selling Mineral Investment Contracts or Mineral Deferred Delivery Contracts 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 this 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.

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 10<sup>th</sup> day of June 2013.

  
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