

broker-dealer or agent, and no filing making a claim of exemption has been filed on behalf of either Respondent.

6. Respondent Hunter operates a web site, <http://fastboomamericaneconomy.com/>.
7. <http://fastboomamericaneconomy.com/> contains a “Business Plan for Vatican Endorsed Food Process” and an “Omni Law Program.”
8. In the “Business Plan for Vatican Endorsed Food Program” Respondent Hunter asks for funds to be sent to Respondent Institute in order to fund the “business plan” for which the investor will receive a return when the “business plan” is funded.
9. Also on the website <http://fastboomamericaneconomy.com/> Respondent Hunter asks for funding for a project called the “Omni Law Loan Program.”
10. Investors are asked to make investments in the Omni Law Loan Program via loans to the program in various amounts from 25.00 to 1000.00 dollars. In return, investors are promised “loan principle (sic) and interest income” over a 30 year period.
11. Respondent Hunter further offers an “Omni Law Loan Program-Premium” opportunity in which investment amounts of 1500.00 to 9500.00 dollars are solicited.
12. To invest in both opportunities, investors proceed online, which includes making a choice regarding who to pay by clicking a drop down link. Once clicked, the drop down link autodirects to the Pay Pal account page of Respondent Institute.
13. Both the “Business Plan for Vatican Endorsed Food Process” and the “Omni Law Loan Program” constitute securities as defined by the Act.
14. Neither security has been registered in the State of South Carolina, and no notice filing or exemption of any type has been filed with the Division regarding either offering.
15. The Securities Commissioner previously issued an order to Respondents to cease and desist from violations of the Act on August 10, 2007.
16. No disclosure concerning the prior order is made to current offerees.
17. Information of this sort is information relative to the risk of the venture, and is information which would be viewed by a reasonable investor as significantly altering the 'total mix' of information made available.

III. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

18. The South Carolina Uniform Securities Act of 2005, S.C. Code Ann. § 35-1-101, *et seq.*, governs the offer and sale of securities in this State.

19. Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 35-1-102(29), notes, investment contracts, stock, and certificates of interest or participation in profit-sharing agreements, *inter alia*, constitute securities.
20. Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §§ 35-1-301, 35-1-401, and 35-1-402, it is unlawful for a person to offer or sell a security in this State unless the person is properly registered or exempt, and the security is a federal covered security, exempt from registration, or registered.
21. Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 35-1-503, in a civil action or administrative proceeding under the Act, a person claiming an exemption, exception, preemption, or exclusion has the burden to prove the applicability of the claim.
22. Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 35-1-501, 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.
23. The “Omni Law Loan Program” and “Omni Law Loan Program- Premium” securities Respondents offered in this state were offered in violation of S.C. Code Ann. § 35-1-301.
24. Respondent Hunter, by acting as agent, and Respondent Institute, by acting as an offeror and/or a broker-dealer, each, further, transacted business in this State in violation of S.C. Code Ann. §§ 35-1-402 and 35-1-401, respectively.
25. The Respondents, further, on at least one occasion and in connection with the offer, sale, or purchase of the National Institute for Inventors security, directly or indirectly (1) employed a device, scheme, or artifice to defraud; (2) made an untrue statement of a material fact or omitted 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) engaged in an act, practice, or course of business that operated or would operate as a fraud or deceit upon another person, in violation of S.C. Code Ann. § 35-1-501.
26. It is in the public interest, for the protection of investors, and consistent with the purposes of the Act that the Respondents be ordered to cease and desist from engaging in the above-enumerated practices and pay a monetary penalty.

CEASE AND DESIST ORDER

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 35-1-604(a)(1), it is hereby **ORDERED** that:

- a. Respondent Institute, and every successor, affiliate, control person, agent, servant, and employee of Respondent Institute, and every entity owned, operated, or indirectly or directly controlled by or on behalf of Respondent Institute, **CEASE AND DESIST** from engaging in any aspect of the securities business in this State in the future; and
- b. Respondent Hunter, and every control person, agent, servant, employee and entity owned, operated, or indirectly or directly controlled by or on behalf of Respondent Hunter, **CEASE AND DESIST** from engaging in any aspect of the securities business in this State in the future; and
- c. Respondent Hunter pay a civil penalty in the amount of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) if this Order becomes effective by operation of law or, if the Respondent seeks a hearing and any legal authority resolves this matter, pay a civil penalty in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 for each violation of the Act by Respondent Hunter, and the actual cost of investigation or proceeding; and
- d. Respondent Institute pay a civil penalty in the amount of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) if this Order becomes effective by operation of law or, if the Respondent seeks a hearing and any legal authority resolves this matter, pay a civil penalty in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 for each violation of the Act by Respondent Institute, and the actual cost of investigation or proceeding; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §§ 35-1-604(a)(2) and (3), any exemption from registration with the Division upon which the Respondents may claim to rely under S.C. Code Ann. §§ 35-1-201(3)(C), (7), or (8); 35-1-202; 35-1-401(b)(1)(D) or (F); or 35-1-403(b)(1)(C), has been **PERMANENTLY REVOKED** as of the date of this Order to Cease and Desist.

REQUIREMENT OF ANSWER AND NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

Each Respondent is hereby notified that he/it has the right to a hearing on the matters contained herein. To schedule such a hearing, the Respondent must file with the Securities Division, Post Office Box 11549, Rembert C. Dennis Building, Columbia, South Carolina, 29211-

1549, attention: Melanie Cain, within thirty (30) days after the date of issuance of this Order to Cease and Desist, a written Answer specifically requesting a hearing. If a written Answer and request for a hearing is received within the thirty (30) day period, the Division, within fifteen (15) days after receipt of the written answer and request, will schedule a hearing for the Respondent making the request.

In the written Answer, the Respondent, in addition to requesting a hearing, shall admit or deny each factual allegation in this Order, shall set forth specific facts on which the Respondent relies, and shall set forth concisely the matters of law and affirmative defenses upon which the Respondent relies. If the Respondent is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of an allegation, he shall so state.

Failure by a Respondent to file a written request for a hearing in this matter within the thirty-day (30) period stated above shall be deemed a waiver by that Respondent of the right to such a hearing. Failure of a Respondent to file an Answer, including a request for a hearing, shall result in this Order, including the stated civil penalty and any assessed costs, becoming final as to that Respondent by operation of law.

This Order does not prevent the Division or any other law enforcement agency from seeking additional civil or criminal remedies as are available under the Act, including remedies related to the offers and sales of securities by the Respondents set forth above.

ENTERED, this the 28th day of February, 2018.

ALAN WILSON
SECURITIES COMMISSIONER

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OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
SECURITIES DIVISION

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE AND
AFFIDAVIT OF COMPLIANCE
File Number 20172379

I hereby certify that I served upon the individual/entity listed below a copy of the document indicated below and dated February 28, 2018, by serving a copy of said document upon the Securities Commissioner of the State of South Carolina and by placing a copy of said document in the United States mail, certified mail, return receipt requested, first class postage prepaid and addressed to:

Mr. Martin R. Hunter
Mr. Martin R. Hunter, Director National Institute for Inventors
302 Goddard Avenue
Seneca, SC 29672

Document(s): Order to Cease and Desist

Mailed March 1, 2018 from Columbia, South Carolina.

I further hereby certify, swear and affirm that, service of the above-listed entity is in compliance with Section 35-1-611, Code of Laws of South Carolina.

By: Sandra M. Matthews
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South Carolina Attorney General's Office
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Subscribed and sworn to before me on
this 1st day of March, 2018.

Susan H. Ballinger
Notary Public for South Carolina

My commission expires: 6-29-21



