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IN THE MATTER OF
THE BEST MOVERS OF HOUSTON, §
AND PATRICK CURRY

**Order No.** ENF-09-CD0-1672

TO: The Best Movers of Houston 13727 Golden Circle Way Houston, Texas 77083

> Patrick Curry 13727 Golden Circle Way Houston, Texas 77083

#### AGREED CEASE AND DESIST ORDER

Be it remembered that The Best Movers of Houston ("Respondent TBMH"), by and through its Owner, Patrick Curry, and Patrick Curry, individually ("Respondent Curry") (collectively "Respondents"), appeared before the Securities Commissioner of Texas ("Securities Commissioner") and consented to the entry of this Order and the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained herein.

## FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Respondents have waived (a) Respondents' right to notice and a hearing in this matter; (b) Respondents' right to appear and present evidence in this matter; (c) Respondents' right to appeal this Order; and (d) all other procedural rights granted to Respondents by The Securities Act, TEX. REV. CIV. STAT. ANN. art. 581-1 et seq. (Vernon 1964 & Supp. 2008) ("Texas Securities Act"), and the Administrative Procedure Act, TEX. GOV'T CODE ANN. § 2001.001 et seq. (Vernon Supp. 2008) ("Administrative Procedure Act").
- Respondent TBMH is an entity that maintains a last known business address at 13727 Golden Circle Way, Houston, Texas 77083 and has not filed with the Texas Secretary of State or Harris County, Texas District Clerk; however, Harris County, Texas District Clerk records reflect that Respondent Curry filed the assumed name, The Best Movers, with Harris County, Texas on March 27, 2008.

- 3. Respondent Curry is the Owner of Respondent TBMH, and he maintains a last known address at 13727 Golden Circle Way, Houston, Texas 77083.
- 4. Respondents made available the opportunity to participate in investment programs in Texas via the *Houston Chronicle*, a newspaper of general public circulation. Respondents represented that a single investment of \$300,000.00 would provide a monthly return of \$10,000.00 for a term of 6 years. An investment of \$150,000.00 would provide a monthly return of \$5,000.00 for the life of the business. Investors' funds would be used to purchase trucks, acquire additional storage space and purchase other non-specified items.
- 5. The investment programs were not registered by qualification, notification or coordination and no permit has been granted for their sale in Texas.
- 6. Respondents were not registered with the Securities Commissioner as dealers or agents at any time material hereto.

### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The above-described investment programs are "securities" as that term is defined by Section 4.A of the Texas Securities Act.
- 2. Respondents have violated Section 7 of the Texas Securities Act by offering securities for sale in Texas at a time when the securities are not registered with the Securities Commissioner.
- 3. Respondents have violated Section 12 of the Texas Securities Act by offering securities for sale in Texas without being registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 12 of the Texas Securities Act.

# **ORDER**

- 1. It is therefore ORDERED that Respondents immediately CEASE AND DESIST from offering for sale any security in Texas until the security is registered with the Securities Commissioner or is offered for sale pursuant to an exemption from registration under the Texas Securities Act.
- 2. It is further ORDERED that Respondents immediately CEASE AND DESIST from the offer and sale of securities in Texas until Respondents are registered with the Securities Commissioner as dealers or an available exemption from registration is utilized.

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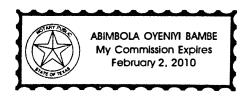
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**Enforcement Division** 

#### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

On the <u>lull</u> day of <u>Applu</u>, 2009, Patrick Curry ("Respondent Curry") personally appeared before me, executed the foregoing Order and acknowledged that:

- 1. Respondent Curry has read the foregoing Order;
- 2. Respondent Curry has been fully advised of his rights under the Texas Securities Act and the Administrative Procedure Act;
- 3. Respondent Curry knowingly and voluntarily consents to the entry of the foregoing Order and the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained therein; and
- 4. Respondent Curry, by consenting to the entry of the foregoing Order, has knowingly and voluntarily waived his rights as set forth therein.



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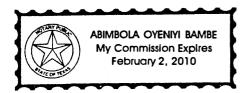
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My commission expires on: February 2, 2010

#### **ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

On the Harm day of April , 2009, The Best Movers of Houston ("Respondent TBMH"), by and through its Owner, Patrick Curry, personally appeared before me, executed the foregoing Order and acknowledged that:

- 1. Patrick Curry is duly authorized to enter into the foregoing Order on behalf of Respondent TBMH;
- 2. Patrick Curry has read the foregoing Order;
- 3. Respondent TBMH has been fully advised of its rights under the Texas Securities Act and the Administrative Procedure Act;
- Respondent TBMH knowingly and voluntarily consents to the entry of the foregoing Order and the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained therein; and
- 5. Respondent TBMH, by consenting to the entry of the foregoing Order, has knowingly and voluntarily waived its rights as set forth therein.



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