STATE OF CALIFORNIA

BUSINESS, TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING AGENCY DEPARTMENT OF CORPORATIONS

TO: William Dean Chapman, C.E.O. and President
Michael Francis Arko, Vice President
Alexander Financial LLC, dba Alexander Capital Advisors
Alexander Capital Markets LLC,
11710 Plaza America Drive, Suite 2000
Reston, Virginia 20190

DESIST AND REFRAIN ORDER

(For violations of section 25210 and 25401 of the California Corporations Code)

The California Corporations Commissioner finds that:

- 1. Alexander Financial LLC is a Delaware Corporation incorporated on August 3, 2004, with a primary place of business of 11710 Plaza America Drive, Suite 2000, Reston, Virginia 20190 that also did business under the name Alexander Capital Advisors. Alexander Capital Markets LLC is a corporation with a primary place of business at 11710 Plaza America Drive, Suite 2000, Reston, Virginia 20190. These entities had websites located at www.alexandercapitalmarkets.com and www.alexanderassets.com and claimed to offer financial services including the "stock loan" services described below. Alexander Financial LLC had a California Finance Lenders license number 603A445 issued September 10, 2004, which was terminated on May 14, 2008. William Dean Chapman was the President and CEO of Alexander Financial LLC and Alexander Capital Markets LLC. Michael Francis Arko was the vice president of Alexander Financial LLC.
- 2. Beginning no later than 2005, Alexander Financial LLC, dba Alexander Capital Advisors, Alexander Capital Markets LLC, William Dean Chapman and Michael Francis Arko advertised on the Internet and through sales agents that they were engaged in the business of making "stock loans". The terms of the "stock loan" offer included the "borrower" giving their stock in a publicly traded company to Alexander Financial LLC as collateral in exchange for a "non-recourse" loan of up to

90% of the value of the stock. The funding of the "loan" to the investor would not occur until 24 to 48 hours after the transfer of the stock to Alexander Financial LLC's brokerage account took place. The offer required investors to give up all rights to the stock pledged as collateral for the loan including voting and dividends for the period of the "loan" and gave Alexander Financial LLC the right to dispose of the stock, including the right to sell the stock during the term of the "loan". The offered "loan" periods would vary from 2 to 4 or more years.

- 3. According to the marketing materials, the options provided to investors at the end of the loan term by Alexander Financial LLC were to: 1) Renew the loan at the end of the loan term, 2) Pay off the loan principal with interest and obtain the return of the stock pledged as collateral; and 3) Default on the loan and keep the loan proceeds with no further liability to the "borrower" other than the loss of the stock pledged as collateral. This "stock loan" was claimed to protect the downside value of the stock by assuring the investor would receive at least 90% of the value of the stock at the beginning of the loan even if the stock later dropped in value. It was also claimed that the upside potential for the stock to appreciate was protected as the stock could be obtained by paying off the "loan" at the end of the term if it was worth more than the amount owed. Alexander Financial LLC, dba Alexander Capital Advisors, Alexander Capital Markets LLC, William Dean Chapman and Michael Francis Arko indicated that the proceeds of the "stock loan" would not have to be reported as income for tax purposes, as least during the term of the loan as loans are not generally considered taxable income.
- 4. The California Corporations Commissioner is of the opinion that Alexander Financial LLC, dba Alexander Capital Advisors, Alexander Capital Markets LLC, William Dean Chapman and Michael Francis Arko were engaged in the business of inducing or attempting to induce the purchase and sale of securities in this state without having first applied for and secured a license authorizing them to act in the capacity of a securities broker-dealer, in violation of section 25210 of the Corporate Securities Law of 1968. Because Alexander Financial LLC obtains all rights to the stock pledged as collateral for the "loan", including the right to sell the stock, and there is no recourse against the "borrower" for defaulting on the loan, the investor no longer maintains any risk of the stock losing its value. Further, the stock pledged as collateral by the borrower would be sold shortly

after its receipt by Alexander Financial LLC and the proceeds used to fund the loan to the borrower. Therefore, the "stock loans" are in fact constructive purchases and sales of the stocks pledged as collateral for the purposes of the Corporations Code.

- 5. Alexander Financial LLC, dba Alexander Capital Advisors, Alexander Capital Markets LLC, William Dean Chapman and Michael Francis Arko have neither applied for nor secured from the California Corporations Commissioner the certificate required to effect or induce the purchase or sale of securities or otherwise operate in the capacity of a securities broker-dealer in the State of California, nor were they exempt from such licensing requirements at the time.
- 6. Pursuant to Corporations Code section 25532, Alexander Financial LLC, dba Alexander Capital Advisors, Alexander Capital Markets LLC, William Dean Chapman and Michael Francis Arko are hereby ordered to desist and refrain from effecting any transaction in, or inducing the purchase or sale of, any security in this state, unless and until they have applied for and secured from the Commissioner a certificate authorizing them to act in that capacity or unless exempt.
- 7. The California Corporations Commissioner is of the further opinion that "stock loans" were in fact offers to buy securities in this state by Alexander Financial LLC, dba Alexander Capital Advisors, Alexander Capital Markets LLC, William Dean Chapman and Michael Francis Arko by means of written and oral communications, which include untrue statements or omissions of material facts, in violation of section 25401 of the California Corporate Securities Law of 1968.
- 8. The misrepresentations and omissions made by Alexander Financial LLC, dba Alexander Capital Advisors, Alexander Capital Markets LLC, William Dean Chapman and Michael Francis Arko included the claims that 1) The transaction would be considered a bona fide "loan" for tax purposes and the proceeds would not have to be reported as income as a result when in fact the transactions are considered the common law sales of securities for tax purposes and the proceeds must be reported by the "borrower" as income to the internal revenue service and other tax authorities, 2) The stock pledged as collateral could be retrieved by the borrower at the end of the term by tendering the money owed under the agreement, when in fact the stock had been sold shortly after receipt in order to fund the payment of the "loan" proceeds to the "borrower" and no "hedge" or other transaction was ever made by Alexander Financial LLC which would allow them to return the

2

3

4

5

6

7

8

9

10

11

12

13

14

15

16

17

18

19

20

21

22

23

24

25

26

27

28