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STATE OF CALIFORNIA
BUSINESS, TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING AGENCY
DEPARTMENT OF CORPORATIONS

TO: GT Shippers Inc.
Internet Trading Services, also known as IES
221 Cedarwood Rd.
Hughson, CA 95326

DESIST AND REFRAIN ORDER
(For violations of sections 17200, 17210.2, and 17403 of the Financial Code)

The California Corporations Commissioner (“Commissioner”) finds that:

- 1. GT Shippers Inc. (“GT Shippers”) is an entity of unknown form. According to its website, www.gt-shippers.com, GT Shippers maintains a mailing address at 221 Cedarwood Road, Hughson, CA 95326. According to its website, GT Shippers also maintains mailing addresses in Italy and Greece.
- 2. GT Shippers states on its website that Internet Trading Services, or IES, is a subsidiary of GT Shippers.
- 3. On its website, GT Shippers states that it offers escrow services to buyers and sellers around the world. The website describes an “escrow process” in which the buyer transfers payment to GT Shippers, the seller ships the merchandise, the buyer examines and approves the merchandise, and GT Shippers transfers payment to the seller.
- 4. The website further states that these services are provided through Internet Trading Services or IES. The website claims: “IES is fully licensed and accredited as an escrow company and is subject to compliance with all applicable escrow regulations, including the California Financial and Business Code.”

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1 5. Neither GT Shippers nor IES has been issued a license from the Commissioner
2 authorizing either of them to conduct business as an escrow agent, as required by California Financial
3 Code section 17200.

4 6. Neither GT Shippers nor IES is exempt from the licensing requirements of Section
5 17200.

6 7. Neither GT Shippers nor IES has been issued a license from the Commissioner
7 authorizing either of them to use words indicating that either of them is in the escrow business, as
8 required by California Financial Code section 17403.

9 8. GT Shippers and IES have disseminated or caused to be disseminated false,
10 misleading, and/or deceptive statements or representations by claiming that IES is a licensed escrow
11 company, in violation of California Financial Code section 17210.2.

12 Based on the foregoing findings, the California Corporations Commissioner is of the opinion
13 that GT Shippers Inc. and Internet Trading Services, also known as IES, and their officers, directors,
14 partners, agents, employees and/or servants are in violation of California Financial Code section
15 17200. Pursuant to California Financial Code sections 17416, GT Shippers Inc. and Internet Trading
16 Services, also known as IES, are hereby ordered to desist and refrain from engaging the business of
17 receiving escrows for deposit or delivery without first obtaining a license from the Commissioner.

18 Further, the Commissioner is of the opinion that GT Shippers Inc. and Internet Trading
19 Services, also known as IES, and their officers, directors, partners, agents, employees and/or servants
20 are in violation of California Financial Code section 17403. Pursuant to California Financial Code
21 section 17403, GT Shippers Inc. and Internet Trading Services, also known as IES, are further
22 ordered to immediately desist and refrain from issuing, circulating, or publishing any advertisement
23 by means of any communication, including any website, or making use of or circulating any
24 letterheads, billheads, blank notes, blank receipts, blank escrow instructions, certificates, circulars, or
25 any written or printed paper containing any fictitious or corporate name or other words indicating that
26 any of them are in the escrow business.

27 Further, the Commissioner is of the opinion that GT Shippers Inc. and Internet Trading
28 Services, also known as IES, and their officers, directors, partners, agents, employees and/or servants

1 are in violation of California Financial Code sections 17210.2. Pursuant to California Financial Code
2 section 17210.2, GT Shippers Inc. and Internet Trading Services, also known as IES, are further
3 ordered to immediately desist and refrain from disseminating, or causing or permitting to be
4 disseminated, in any manner whatsoever, any statement or representation which is false, misleading,
5 or deceptive, or which omits to state material information, or which refers to the supervision of that
6 agent by the State of California or any department or official thereof.

7 This Order is necessary, in the public interest, for the protection of investors and consistent
8 with the purposes, policies and provisions of the California Escrow Law. This Order shall remain in
9 full force and effect until further order of the California Corporations Commissioner.

10 Dated: August 8, 2012
11 Los Angeles, California

12 JAN LYNN OWEN
13 California Corporations Commissioner

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15 By: _____
16 ALAN S. WEINGER
17 Deputy Commissioner
18 Enforcement Division
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