1 STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS 2 **SECURITIES DIVISION** 3 IN THE MATTER OF DETERMINING Order Number S-08-138-10-SC01 4 Whether there has been a violation of the Securities Act of Washington by: STATEMENT OF CHARGES AND NOTICE 5 OF INTENT TO ENTER ORDER TO CEASE 6 AND DESIST, IMPOSE FINES, AND Jeffrey Beard; Harvest Wind Energy CHARGE COSTS 7 Corp.; Tapemorr, LLC; 8 Respondents 9 THE STATE OF WASHINGTON TO: Jeffrey Beard Harvest Wind Energy Corp. 10 Tapemorr, LLC 11 STATEMENT OF CHARGES 12 13 Please take notice that the Securities Administrator of the State of Washington has reason 14 to believe that Respondents, Jeffrey Beard; Harvest Wind Energy Corp.; and Tapemorr, LLC, 15 have each violated the Securities Act of Washington and that their violations justify the entry of 16 an order of the Securities Administrator under RCW 21.20.390 against each to cease and desist 17 from such violations. The Securities Administrator finds as follows: 18 TENTATIVE FINDINGS OF FACT 19 Respondents 20 1. Jeffrey Beard ("Beard") is a Washington resident believed to reside in Aberdeen, 21 Washington. 22 2. Harvest Wind Energy Corp. ("HWE") is a Washington corporation incorporated 23 on March 20, 2002, with its principal place of business located in Aberdeen, Washington. HWE 24 originally incorporated under the name Resonance Composites, Inc., but changed its name to 25 DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS STATEMENT OF CHARGES AND NOTICE OF Securities Division INTENT TO ENTER ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST. PO Box 9033 IMPOSE FINES. AND CHARGE COSTS

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subscription packet which described Resonance's proposed activities in the canoe and kayak industry. By 2004, HWE stopped using the Resonance private placement memorandum and instead provided potential investors with a business plan describing HWE's wind turbines and proposed activities in the wind energy industry. Neither the Resonance private placement memorandum nor the HWE business plan disclosed Beard's compensation with the company.

Early investors may have received a private placement memorandum and

- 8. A small group of HWE executives located investors for the company. Those executives typically referred potential investors to Beard who provided details on the wind turbine design technology and HWE. Beard handled all the subscription agreements, collected checks from new investors, and sent them stock certificates. Beard was the sole signer on HWE bank accounts.
- 9. In approximately November 2005, HWE hired an individual to become HWE's chief financial officer ("CFO"). The new CFO discovered a five month period of missing check register entries for the year 2004. The new CFO could not decipher how the company spent money during the missing five month period. In 2006 the CFO and other members of HWE tried to take control of the company from Beard as they began to question whether Beard misappropriated company funds.
- 10. The checkbook register, representing transactions from June 2002 through March 2006, contained numerous withdrawals to Beard or his wife totaling approximately \$175,000. Beard's wife did not work for HWE. The HWE checkbook register also showed approximately \$100,000 in payments towards Beard's personal credit card.
- 11. In testimony, Beard said that he was entitled to make withdrawals from the company to cover his monthly bills and that this was disclosed to investors, but not in specific DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS STATEMENT OF CHARGES AND NOTICE OF Securities Division INTENT TO ENTER ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST. PO Box 9033 IMPOSE FINES, AND CHARGE COSTS Olympia, WA 98507-9033 360-902-8760

Tapemorr

- 19. Beard formed Tapemorr to sell different kinds of tape (duct, athletic, medical) branded with graphic logos. Tapemorr specifically sought to sell branded tape featuring automotive company and sports team logos.
- 20. On November 19, 2004, Tapemorr solicited a \$10,000 investment from at least one Washington resident. The investment agreement, signed by Beard, required Tapemorr to return the investor's \$10,000 principal and an additional \$30,000 within one year of the agreement.
- 21. Beard told the Washington resident that his funds would be used for travel and expenses at a Special Equipment Manufacturers Association ("SEMA") trade show in Las Vegas, where Tapemorr hoped to market its graphic logo tape.
- 22. Two other individuals invested approximately \$20,000 each with Tapemorr. One of those investors was to receive \$100,000 for his \$20,000 investment, with the \$100,000 generated by a percentage of each roll of tape sold. Those funds were also purportedly used to pay expenses at SEMA.
- 23. On November 22, 2004 Tapemorr transferred \$3,000 to HWE's bank account.

 On November 29, 2004 Tapemorr transferred another \$3,000 to HWE's bank account.

 According to Beard, HWE had bigger potential than Tapemorr and because of that, if HWE ran low on funds, Tapemorr transferred money to HWE.
- 24. As of June 2010, Tapemorr has made no payments on the funds provided by investors. Tapemorr has not sold any branded tape. Beard testified that minimum order requirements for the tape were too large and lag times on producing the tape were too long for potential customers.

Misrepresentations and Omissions

- 25. Respondents HWE and Beard failed to provide to at least one investor, material information regarding investing in HWE stock, including but not limited to: financial statements, the general risks of investing in a start-up company, and the specific risks of investing in manufacturing composite materials and wind turbines.
- 26. Respondents HWE and Beard failed to disclose that Beard had unregulated access to HWE accounts to pay personal expenses and no system existed to account for which withdrawals were for business or Beard's personal expenses.
- 27. Respondents Tapemorr and Beard failed to provide to at least one investor, material information regarding investing with Tapemorr, including but not limited to: financial statements, the general risks of investing in a start-up company, and the specific risks of investing in graphic logo tape.
- 28. Respondents Tapemorr and Beard misrepresented to at least one investor that his funds would be used for expenses at a SEMA trade show. Days after receiving \$10,000 from the investor Beard transferred \$6,000 to HWE.
- 29. Respondents HWE and Beard failed to disclose to HWE investors that Beard also operated Tapemorr and sometimes took money from Tapemorr to support the activities of HWE.

Registration Status

30. Respondent Harvest Wind Energy Corp. is not currently registered to sell its securities in the state of Washington and has not previously been so registered nor has it filed a claim of exemption from registration.

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ORDER THE RESPONDENT TO CEASE AND DESIST

Based on the above Tentative Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Securities Administrator intends to order, pursuant to RCW 21.20.390(1), that Jeffrey Beard; Harvest Wind Energy Corp.; and Tapemorr, LLC; their agents and employees shall each cease and desist from violations of RCW 21.20.140, RCW 21.20.040, and RCW 21.20.010.

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO IMPOSE FINES

Pursuant to RCW 21.20.395, and based upon the Tentative Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Securities Administrator intends to order that Respondent Jeffrey Beard shall be liable for and pay a fine of \$10,000.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO RECOVER COSTS

Pursuant to RCW 21.20.390(5), and based upon the Tentative Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Securities Administrator intends to order that Respondents Jeffrey Beard; Harvest Wind Energy Corp.; and Tapemorr, LLC shall be liable for and pay the costs, fees, and other expenses incurred in the investigation of this matter.

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AUTHORITY AND PROCEDURE

This Statement of Charges is entered pursuant to the provisions of the Securities Act and is subject to the provisions of RCW 21.20 and RCW 34.05. The Respondents, Jeffrey Beard; Harvest Wind Energy Corp.; and Tapemorr, LLC, may each make a written request for a hearing as set forth in the NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO DEFEND AND OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING accompanying this Statement of Charges.

If a Respondent does not request a hearing, the Securities Administrator intends to adopt the above Tentative Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law as final, enter a permanent cease and desist order as to that Respondent, and impose the fines and costs sought.

STATEMENT OF CHARGES AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO ENTER ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST, IMPOSE FINES, AND CHARGE COSTS

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