# STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS SECURITIES DIVISION

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IN THE MATTER OF DETERMINING

of the Securities Act of Washington by:

Donald Rae Hathaway; and Laura Lynn

Respondents

whether there has been a violation

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Order Number S-08-256-09-CO01

#### **CONSENT ORDER**

The Investment Management Group, LLC;

Pursuant to the Securities Act of Washington, chapter 21.20 RCW, the Securities Division of the Department of Financial Institutions ("Securities Division") and Respondents, The Investment Management Group, LLC; Donald Rae Hathaway; and Laura Lynn Hathaway, do hereby enter into this CONSENT ORDER in settlement of the matters alleged herein. Respondents neither admit nor deny the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law stated below.

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

## Respondents

- 1. The Investment Management Group, LLC ("IMG") is a Colorado limited liability company that was formed on March 22, 2005. IMG has done business in the State of Washington since at least 2007. IMG is in the business of trying to remodel and re-sell houses for a profit.
- 2. Donald Rae Hathaway ("Don Hathaway") is a Washington resident. From at least 2005 through 2007, Don Hathaway was engaged full-time in the business of trying to remodel and sell houses and to develop real estate for a profit in the State of Washington.

3. Laura Lynn Hathaway ("Laura Hathaway") is a Washington resident and is Don Hathaway's wife. Laura Hathaway is also the sole member of IMG.

### Offer and Sale of an Investment in a Land Development Project

4. In February 2007, the Hathaways and IMG solicited a Washington resident to invest \$350,000 in order to finance the development of some vacant land on Capitol Hill in Seattle, Washington. The Hathaways and IMG each represented that the investor would earn a 30% share of the profits from the sale of the land and the Hathaways would receive a 70% share of the profits. The Hathaways and IMG each represented that the project would be completed within one year. The investor did not have any control over the use of the invested funds and he was relying upon the Hathaways to generate a profit from the sale of the land. To date, the Hathaways and IMG have not repaid the investor for his land development project investment.

# **Investment Documents**

5. After purchasing the investment in the land development project, the investor asked the Hathaways to give him a legal document that would secure his investment. The Hathaways gave the investor a limited power of attorney dated February 19, 2007 and a "debt acknowledgment" dated February 16, 2007. The Hathaways each signed the power of attorney and the debt acknowledgment. The Hathaways each represented that the investor would be fully protected by the documents provided, but the Hathaways did not record any real property security interest to protect the investor.

#### Offer and Sale of an Investment in a Condominium Remodeling Project

6. In April 2007, the same investor invested \$215,000 with the Hathaways and IMG, in order to finance the remodeling of a condominium on King Street in Seattle, Washington. The Hathaways and IMG each represented that the investor would earn \$10,000 from the sale of the remodeled King Street

condominium and that he would be repaid within five months. The investor did not have any control over the use of his invested funds and he was relying upon the Hathaways to generate a profit from the sale of the condominium. To date, the Hathaways and IMG have not repaid the investor for his King Street condominium investment.

#### **Investment Documents**

7. When offering and selling the King Street condominium investment, the Hathaways gave the investor a limited power of attorney dated April 11, 2007 and a "debt acknowledgment" dated April 11, 2007 for the condominium remodeling project. Laura Hathaway was the only signer on the power of attorney and the debt acknowledgment. The Hathaways represented that the investor would be fully protected by the documents provided, but the Hathaways did not record any real property security interest to protect the investor.

## Commercial Real Estate Loans

8. On April 16, 2007, the Hathaways each signed a promissory note for \$222,000 to a "hard money" lender in Seattle. On April 19, 2007, the lender recorded a first position deed of trust against the King Street condominium property. On May 11, 2007, the lender recorded a first position deed of trust against the Capitol Hill land. On August 8, 2007, the lender made a \$105,000 loan to the Hathaways. The \$105,000 loan was to be secured by the prior recorded deeds of trust. On October 12, 2007, the lender made a \$36,000 loan to the Hathaways. The \$36,000 loan was to be secured by the prior recorded deeds of trust. On October 14, 2007, the lender made a \$105,000 loan to the Hathaways. The \$105,000 loan was to be secured by the prior recorded deeds of trust. In total, the Hathaways borrowed \$468,000 that was secured by first position deeds of trust against the Capitol Hill land and the King Street condominium.

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#### Omissions

9. When offering and selling the Capitol Hill land development investment and the King Street condominium remodeling investment, the Hathaways and IMG each failed to disclose the specific intended use of the investor's funds. The Hathaways and IMG each failed to disclose that the investor would not have a perfected security interest in the real property that was being developed. The Hathaways and IMG each failed to give the investor a promissory note and a deed of trust to secure the investments. The Hathaways and IMG each failed to record real property security interests to protect the investor. The Hathaways and IMG each failed to disclose that the investor could lose the entire amount of both investments due to superior encumbrances against the real property that was being developed.

Based upon the above Findings of Fact, the following Conclusions of Law are made:

#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 1. The offer and sale of the investments described above constitutes the offer and sale of a security, as defined in RCW 21.20.005(10) and (12), whether in the form of an investment contract or an evidence of indebtedness.
- 2. The offer and sale of said securities was made in violation of RCW 21.20.010 because Respondents each made untrue statements of material fact or omitted to state material facts necessary in order to make the statements made, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

# **CONSENT ORDER**

Based upon the foregoing and finding it in the public interest:

1	11 IS AGREED AND ORDERED that Respondents, The Investment Management Group, LLC;		
2	Donald Rae Hathaway; and Laura Lynn Hathaway, and their agents and employees, each shall cease and		
3	desist from violating RCW 21.20.010, the anti-fraud section of the Securities Act of Washington.		
4	IT IS FURTHER AGREED that Respondents, The Investment Management Group, LLC; Donald		
5	Rae Hathaway; and Laura Lynn Hathaway, each enter into this Consent Order freely and voluntarily and		
6	with a full understanding of its terms and significance.		
7	IT IS FURTHER AGREED that the Securities Division has jurisdiction to enter this Consent Orde		
8	IT IS FURTHER AGREED that in consideration of the foregoing Respondents, The Investment		
9	Management Group, LLC; Donald Rae Hathaway; and Laura Lynn Hathaway, each waive their rights to		
10	a hearing and to judicial review of this matter pursuant to RCW 21.20.440 and ch. 34.05 RCW.		
11	WILLFUL VIOLATION OF THIS ORDER IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.		
12	SIGNED this24th day ofMay, 2009		
13	SIGNED this24th day of, 2009		
14	Approved for entry by:		
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16	Matthew Metz, WSBA #		
17	Attorney for Respondents		
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20	/s/ Donald Rae Hathaway		
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1	Signed by:		
2	/s/ Laura Lynn Hathaway		
3	Laura Lynn Hathaway		
4	Signed by:		
5	The Investment Management Group, LLC		
6	By: /s/ Laura Hathaway		
7	Laura Hathaway, Managing Member		
8	SIGNED and ENTERED this 28 <sup>th</sup> day of May, 2009		
9	SIGNED and ENTERED and 20 day of May, 2007		
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