STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS SECURITIES DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF DETERMINING Whether there has been a violation of the Securities Act of Washington by:	 Order No. S-12-0899-12-CO02 CONSENT ORDER AS TO RICHMOND F. RICHARDSON
UniHost Corporation, Wasantha Weerasekera, and Richmond F. Richardson,)))
Respondents) _)

INTRODUCTION

On May 21, 2012, the Securities Administrator of the State of Washington issued a Statement of

Charges and Notice of Intent to Enter an Order to Cease and Desist and to Charge Costs, Order No. S-12-0899-12-SC01, against Respondents, UniHost Corporation, Wasantha Weerasekera, and Richmond F. Richardson. Pursuant to the Securities Act of Washington, chapter 21.20 RCW, the Securities Division of the Department of Financial Institutions ("Securities Division") and Respondent, Richmond F. Richardson, do hereby enter into this Consent Order in settlement of the matters alleged herein. Respondent, Richmond F. Richardson, neither admits nor denies the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law as stated below.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Respondents

- 1. UniHost Corporation ("UniHost") is a Washington corporation that was incorporated on December 5, 2000.
- 2. Wasantha Weerasekera ("Weerasekera") was a Washington resident and the Chief Executive Officer and President of UniHost.

3. Richmond F. Richardson ("Richardson") was a Washington resident and the Secretary of UniHost.

Offering of Stock

- 4. During 2007, Respondents offered and sold at least \$20,000 worth of common stock in UniHost to at least two Washington investors. Respondents later made two repayments totaling \$1,000. The investors did not receive any other return on their investments.
- 5. When offering the stock, Respondents each met with the investors and presented the investment opportunity. Richardson and both of the investors were Haitian immigrants. The investors trusted Richardson to recommend a good investment.
- 6. When offering the stock, Respondents each represented to the investors that UniHost was a start-up company that would offer discounts to employees who worked in the hospitality industry. Respondents each represented that UniHost's "business partners" offered discounts on travel and entertainment expenses, including hotel bookings, rental cars, and airfares. Respondents showed the investors an Internet website located at www.employeerates.com. The website listed businesses that Respondents represented were UniHost's "business partners." Respondents represented that UniHost would generate income through fees that were paid by its "business partners." Richardson represented to the investors that Richardson and Weerasekera had both worked for many years in the hospitality industry and knew the industry well. Weerasekera represented to the investors that the company's goal was to have a return of millions of dollars within a few years for all of the original owners of UniHost. Weerasekera also represented that investors would earn at least \$200,000 on a \$10,000 investment within two to five years.
- 7. When discussing the investment, Richardson initially told the investors that they could not invest in UniHost because there was a \$100,000 minimum investment. Later, Richardson told the

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investors that he thought they would be able to invest because Weerasekera had allowed his brother to invest \$10,000 in UniHost. However, Richardson represented to the investors that any new investors would be required to invest a minimum of \$100,000.

Misrepresentations and Omissions

8. When offering and selling the stock, Respondents each falsely represented to the investors that they could have their money back at any time upon request. Respondents each failed to disclose the specific intended use of the investors' proceeds. Respondents did not give one of the investors any written materials about the investment. Respondents did not give either of the investors any financial statements for UniHost and did not disclose the assets, the liabilities, the capitalization, the fee structure, the expenses, and the historical operating results for UniHost. Weerasekera and Richardson each falsely represented to the investors that the investment had no risk. Respondents each failed to disclose significant risks of the investment, including competition, illiquidity, the minimum amount of capital that was required to achieve a specified objective, inadequate capitalization, inadequate sales, and the risks of investing in an unproven market and an unproven business.

Registration Status of Respondents

- 9. UniHost Corporation is not currently registered to sell its securities in the state of Washington and has not previously been so registered.
- 10. Weerasekera has never been registered as a securities broker-dealer or as a securities salesperson in the state of Washington.
- 11. Richardson has never been registered as a securities broker-dealer or as a securities salesperson in the state of Washington.

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

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CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. As set forth in the Findings of Fact, the offer or sale of the limited liability company membership interests described above constitutes the offer or sale of a security, as defined in RCW 21.20.005(14) and (17), in the form of stock.
- 2. As set forth in the Findings of Fact, Respondents, UniHost Corporation, Wasantha Weerasekera, and Richmond F. Richardson, have 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 are made, not misleading, in violation of RCW 21.20.010, the antifraud section of the Securities Act of Washington.
- 3. As set forth in the Findings of Fact, Respondents, UniHost Corporation, Wasantha Weerasekera, and Richmond F. Richardson, have each offered and sold unregistered securities in violation of RCW 21.20.140, the securities registration section of the Securities Act of Washington.
- 4. As set forth in the Findings of Fact, Respondents, UniHost Corporation, Wasantha Weerasekera, and Richmond F. Richardson, have each offered and sold securities in violation of RCW 21.20.040, the securities broker-dealer and securities salesperson registration section of the Securities Act of Washington.

CONSENT ORDER

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

IT IS AGREED AND ORDERED that Respondent, Richmond F. Richardson, and his agents and employees each shall cease and desist from violating RCW 21.20.140, the securities registration section of the Securities Act of Washington.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED AND ORDERED that Respondent, Richmond F. Richardson, and his agents and employees shall each cease and desist from violating RCW 21.20.040, the securities broker-dealer and securities salesperson registration section of the Securities Act of Washington.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED AND ORDERED that Respondent, Richmond F. Richardson, and his agents and employees shall each cease and desist from violating RCW 21.20.010, the anti-fraud section of the Securities Act of Washington.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that the Securities Division has jurisdiction to enter this Consent Order.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that Respondent, Richmond F. Richardson, enters into this Consent Order freely and voluntarily and with a full understanding of its terms and significance.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that in consideration of the foregoing, Respondent, Richmond F. Richardson, hereby waives his right to a hearing and to judicial review of this matter pursuant to RCW 21.20.440 and Chapter 34.05 RCW.

WILLFUL VIOLATION OF THIS ORDER IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

Signed by:		
_/s/ Richmond F. Richardson		

Signed this 5th day of October , 2012

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