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

TO: Brandon Miller
Bryce McBride
Reliance Investments, LLC
3651 N. Canyon Road
Pleasant Grove, UT 84062
and
223 W. Bulldog Blvd. #402
Provo, UT 84604

DESIST AND REFRAIN ORDER
(For violation of section 25110 of the Corporations Code)

The California Corporations Commissioner finds that:

1. Reliance Investments, LLC (“Reliance Investments”) is a limited liability company organized under the laws of Utah on October 27, 2005. It maintains a principal place of business at 3651 N. Canyon Road, Pleasant Grove, Utah 84062. It also maintains a place of business at 223 W. Bulldog Blvd., #402, Provo, Utah 84604.

2. At all relevant times, Bryce McBride (“McBride”) was the manager and control person of Reliance Investments. At all relevant times, McBride was located in the state of Utah.

3. At all relevant times, Brandon Miller (“Miller”) acted as a salesperson on behalf of Reliance Investments. At all relevant times, Miller was located in the state of Idaho.

1 4. Beginning in 2007 or earlier, Miller offered and sold securities in the form of an
2 investment contract to one or more residents of California. Miller called the investor at the investor's
3 home in California to offer these securities.

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5 5. Miller told the investor his money would be used by Reliance Investments to buy gold
6 from South Africa at wholesale prices. He said the gold would eventually be resold for a profit.

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8 6. Miller told the investor that Reliance Investments needed to raise a minimum of \$12
9 million by January 15, 2008, in order to buy the gold. Miller told the investor that if \$12 million was
10 not raised by January 15, 2008, the investor's money would be returned to the investor immediately
11 without interest.

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13 7. The investor invested by wiring money to Reliance Investments.

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15 8. The investor and McBride, on behalf of Reliance Investments, executed a "Joint
16 Venture Agreement." The agreement provided: "Reliance Investments, LLC shall have up to January
17 15, 2008 to place the funds. If, for whatever reason, Reliance Investments, LLC fails to place the
18 monies during the said performance period, then all relative funds will be returned in full, without
19 penalty, to the Joint Venturer."

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21 9. The agreement provided that the investor would have no control over the business of
22 the joint venture. It provided: "Reliance Investments, LLC shall have full, exclusive and complete
23 authority and discretion in the management and control of the business of the Joint Venture for the
24 purposes herein stated and shall make all decisions affecting the business of the Joint Venture."

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26 10. These securities were offered and sold in this state in issuer transactions. The
27 Department of Corporations has not issued a permit or other form of qualification authorizing any
28 person to offer or sell these securities in this state.

