

**STATE OF ILLINOIS  
SECRETARY OF STATE  
SECURITIES DEPARTMENT**

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**IN THE MATTER OF: GROUP PARTNERS 2000'S  
AND PATRICK FOSTER**

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**File No. C0600154**

**TEMPORARY ORDER OF PROHIBITION**

**TO THE RESPONDENTS:** GROUP PARTNERS 2000'S  
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On information and belief, I, Jesse White, Secretary of State of Illinois, through my designated representative, who has been fully advised in the premises by the staff of the Securities Department, Office of the Secretary of State, herein find:

**BACKGROUND FACTS**

1. Group Partners 2000's or Group Partnership (hereinafter "Respondent Group" or collectively with Patrick Foster "Respondents") is a business entity with a last known address of 203 N. LaSalle, Suite 2100, Chicago, Illinois 60601.
2. Patrick Foster (hereinafter "Respondent Foster" or collectively with Group Partners 2000's or Group Partnership "Respondents") is an individual with a last known address of FCI DUBLIN, Federal Correctional Institution, 5701 8th Street - Camp Parks, Dublin, California 94568.
3. At all times relevant to this Temporary Order of Prohibition, Respondent Foster was a control person of Respondent Group.

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4. In or about January 2005, Respondents solicited by means of direct mail, from the State of Illinois, one or more persons to participate in a Profit Sharing Agreement through Respondent Group.
5. In or about January 2005, Respondents sent direct mail and made cold calls from Illinois, to Investor Harry Townsend (“Investor”) regarding investing in Respondent Group to purchase an interest in a profit sharing agreement.
6. On several occasions in February 2005, including phone conversations with Respondent Foster, Respondents “guaranteed profit return checks for dollar amount put in” by Investor in the profit sharing agreement.
7. On or about February 9, 2005, Investor sent to Respondent Foster, a check in the amount of \$3,000.00 made payable to Respondent Foster.
8. In February 2005, Respondent sent to Investor, a confirmation of payout schedule of Investor’s “payout schedule” and a “payout return table profit sharing-registration 2000’s” indicating six weekly payouts matching the amount of the investments.
9. In or about August 2005, Respondents sent to Investor a letter entitled “Partnership Classification & Status Update, Clearance & Security Review 2005” indicating Investor would receive a “Security Clearance Checking” [sic] in the amount of \$30,000.00.
10. Despite repeated requests to the Respondents for the promised payout on the profit sharing agreement, the Investor has not received any return on his investment.
11. The activities described above constitute the offer and sale of certificate of interest or participation in the profit sharing agreement and therefore a security as those terms are defined in Sections 2.1, 2.5, and 2.5a of the Illinois Securities Law of 1953 [815 ILCS 5] (the “Act”).
12. Section 12.A of the Illinois Securities Law of 1953, 815 ILCS 5/1 *et seq.*, (the “Act”) states that it shall be a violation of the provisions of this Act for any person to “offer or sell any security except in accordance with the provisions of this Act.”
13. Section 5 of the Act provides, *inter alia*, that all securities except those exempt under Section 3 of the Act or those offered and sold in transactions exempt under Section 4 of the Act shall be registered with the Secretary of State prior to their offer or sale in the State of Illinois.

to “fail to file with the Secretary of State any application, report or document under the provisions of this Act or any rule or regulation made by the Secretary of State pursuant to this Act or to fail to comply with the terms of any order of the Secretary of State issued pursuant to Section 11 hereof.

15. Respondents failed to file an application for registration of the above-referenced securities with the Secretary of State and as a result, the securities were not registered pursuant to Section 5 of the Act prior to their offer and sale.
16. By virtue of the foregoing, Respondents violated Sections 12.A and 12.D of the Act.

#### **PROHIBITION**

17. Section 11.F(2) of the Act provides, *inter alia*, that the Secretary of State may temporarily prohibit the offer or sale of securities by any person, without notice and prior hearing, if the Secretary of State shall deem it necessary to prevent an imminent violation of the Act or to prevent losses to investors that will occur as a result of prior violations of the Act.
18. The entry of this **Temporary Order of Prohibition** prohibiting Respondent, or their agents, affiliates, successors and employees, from offering or selling securities in the State of Illinois is in the public interest and for the protection of the investing public and is consistent with the purposes intended by the provisions of the Act.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT: pursuant to the authority granted by Section 11.F of the Act, **Respondents Group Partners 2000's, Patrick Foster** and their predecessors, successors, assigns, and present and former partners, agents and employees, are **PROHIBITED** from offering or selling securities in or from this State until the further Order of the Secretary of State.

NOTICE is hereby given that Respondents may request a hearing on this matter by transmitting such request in writing to Tanya Solov, Director, Illinois Securities Department, 69 West Washington Street, Suite 1220, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Such request must be made within thirty (30) calendar days of the date of entry of the Temporary Order of Prohibition. Upon receipt of a request for hearing, a hearing will be scheduled as soon as reasonable practicable. A request for hearing will not stop the effectiveness of this Temporary Order and will extend the effectiveness of this Temporary Order for sixty days from the date the hearing request is received by the Department.

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FAILURE BY ANY RESPONDENT TO REQUEST A HEARING WITHIN THIRTY (30) CALENDAR DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF THIS TEMPORARY ORDER OF PROHIBITION SHALL CONSTITUTE AN ADMISSION OF ANY FACTS ALLEGED HEREIN AND SHALL CONSTITUTE SUFFICIENT BASIS TO MAKE THIS TEMPORARY ORDER OF PROHIBITION FINAL.

Dated: This 19th day of February 2008.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jesse White" with a stylized flourish at the end.

JESSE WHITE  
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