

STATE OF ILLINOIS
SECRETARY OF STATE
SECURITIES DEPARTMENT

IN THE MATTER OF: CHECKMATE FINANCIAL, INC.,)
ITS OFFICERS, DIRECTORS,) File No. 0500438
EMPLOYEES, AFFILIATES, SUCCESSORS,)
AGENTS AND ASSIGNS,)
CARLO BINI AND)
CHESTER POTASH)

TEMPORARY ORDER OF PROHIBITION

TO THE RESPONDENTS: Chester Potash
Carlo Bini
CheckMate Financial, Inc.
14808 NW 7th Avenue
Miami, Florida 33169

On information and belief, I, Jesse White, Secretary of State for the State of Illinois, through my designated representative, having been fully advised in the premises by the staff of the Illinois Securities Department, Office of the Secretary of State, herein find:

1. That Respondent, CheckMate Financial, Inc. (hereinafter, "CheckMate"), is a purported business entity, with a last known address of 14808 NW 7th Avenue, Miami, Florida 33169;
2. That at all times relevant, the Respondents Carlo Bini and Chester Potash were officers, directors, agents or employees of CheckMate;
3. That during the month of September, 2004, Respondent CheckMate, by and through its Officers, Directors, Employees, Affiliates, Successors, Agents and Assigns, including Carlo Bini and Chester Potash, offered and sold to WW, an Illinois resident, an investment plan by which Respondent represented that WW would receive 18% interest in all funds that WW invested in Respondent's purported check cashing business;

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4. That during the months of September, 2004, through January, 2005, WW made multiple investment payments to Respondent and invested a total of \$35,000 in Respondent's purported business for which WW received multiple debentures representing said investment payments; furthermore, during the relevant time period, WW also received periodic payments from Respondent which purportedly represented interest on his investment until such payments ended in July, 2005;
5. That the above referenced investment plan is an investment contract and is therefore a security as that term is defined pursuant to Section 2.1. of the Illinois Securities Law of 1953 [815 ILCS 5/1 et seq.] (the "Act");
6. That 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;
7. That Section 12.A of the Act provides, inter alia, that it shall be a violation of the Act for any person to offer or sell securities except in accordance with the provisions of the Act;
8. That Section 12.D of the Act provides, inter alia, that it shall be a violation of the Act for any person to fail to file with the Secretary of State any document or application required to be filed under the provisions of the Act;
9. That at all times relevant hereto, Respondent CheckMate, by and through its Officers, Directors, Employees, Affiliates, Successors, Agents and Assigns, including Carlo Bini and Chester Potash, failed to file an application for registration of the above-referenced securities with the Secretary of State prior to their offer or sale in the State of Illinois;
10. That by virtue of the foregoing, Respondent CheckMate, by and through its Officers, Directors, Employees, Affiliates, Successors, Agents and Assigns, including Carlo Bini and Chester Potash, have violated Sections 12.A and 12.D of the Act;

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11. That Section 11.F.(2) of the Act provides, inter alia, that the Secretary of State may temporarily suspend or prohibit the offer or sale of securities by any person if the Secretary of State in his or her opinion, based upon credible evidence, deems it necessary to prevent an imminent violation of the Act or to prevent losses to investors which the Secretary of State reasonably believes will occur as a result of a prior violation of the Act;
12. That based upon the foregoing, the Secretary of State deems it necessary, in order to prevent imminent and additional violations of the Act, and to prevent losses to investors as a result of the referenced prior violation of the Act, to enter an order pursuant to the authority granted under Section 11.F of the Act which prohibits Respondent CheckMate, by and through its Officers, Directors, Employees, Affiliates, Successors, Agents and Assigns, including Carlo Bini and Chester Potash, from offering and/or selling securities in the State of Illinois; and
13. That based upon the credible evidence available to the Secretary of State, the entry of this Temporary Order is in the public interest and is consistent with the purposes of the Act.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT: pursuant to the authority granted by Section 11.F of the Act, Respondent CheckMate, by and through its Officers, Directors, Employees, Affiliates, Successors, Agents and Assigns, including Carlo Bini and Chester Potash, is hereby PROHIBITED from offering and/or selling securities in or from the State of Illinois until further order of the Secretary of State.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Respondent may request a hearing on this matter by transmitting such request in writing to Securities Director, Illinois Securities Department, 520 South Second Street, Suite 200, Springfield, Illinois 62701. Such request must be made within thirty (30) days of the date of entry of this Temporary Order. Upon receipt of a request for hearing, a hearing will be scheduled. Request for hearing will not stop the effectiveness of this Temporary Order and will extend the effectiveness of this Temporary Order for ninety days from the date the hearing request is received by the Department.

FAILURE BY ANY RESPONDENT TO REQUEST A HEARING WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF THIS TEMPORARY ORDER SHALL CONSTITUTE AN

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ADMISSION OF ANY FACTS ALLEGED HEREIN AND CONSTITUTES SUFFICIENT BASIS TO MAKE THE TEMPORARY ORDER FINAL.

ENTERED: This 25th day of October, 2005

Jesse White 
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Secretary of State
State of Illinois

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