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COMMISSION SAYS “CUT” TO MOVIE INVESTMENT, BARS UNREGISTERED GOLD AND SILVER REFINERY VENTURE

PHOENIX – The Arizona Corporation Commission today issued a default order and entered into two consent orders requiring an individual and multiple companies to pay a total of \$24,500 in penalties for promoting unregistered securities. In one proactive case, the Commission was able to stop the promotion of an unregistered movie-making opportunity before any sales occurred. In the other cases, the Commission halted an unregistered investment opportunity in a precious metal refinery before a substantial amount of sales were transacted.

Michael Giannantonio, et al.

A 32-year-old Surprise man, Michael Giannantonio, and his movie production company agreed to stop soliciting investor funds for a movie-making opportunity and will pay a \$2,000 penalty. Giannantonio admitted to the Commission findings that he promoted the unregistered securities without being registered as an Arizona salesman.

Since June 2005, Giannantonio and his businesses, Nitefire Entertainment and SummitStar Entertainment, marketed an investment opportunity in the production of an independent film entitled, “The Stromboni’s.” Respondents promoted the investment opportunity through a web site, www.strombonis.com. Based upon information posted on the web site, the respondents sought to raise approximately \$2 million through the sale of investment interests in the net profits received from the film’s release and other investment opportunities in Giannantonio’s businesses.

The Commission’s Securities Division discovered the investment opportunity during an online search by one of its investigators. In December 2005, the Division filed a temporary cease and desist order, naming

Giannantonio and his businesses as respondents. Upon receipt of the order, the respondents immediately stopped making a general solicitation for investment funds.

Parklane International Corp. and Syndicated Gold Depository S.A.

The Commission issued a default order against a Canadian company, Parklane International Corp., and entered into a consent order with Syndicated Gold Depository S.A. of Nassau, in the Bahamas, levying a total of \$22,500 in penalties. Both companies were involved with the offer and sale of investment contracts in a gold and silver refinery venture, but neither the respondents nor the investment were registered or qualified for an exemption from Arizona registration.

Without admitting or denying the Commission's findings, respondent Syndicated Gold Depository agreed to pay \$2,500 in penalties for offering and selling the unregistered investment contracts. The Commission issued a default order against Parklane International Corporation after it failed to respond to the Commission's order to stop promoting the investment program, requiring the payment of a \$20,000 penalty.

Since 2003, Parklane International solicited at least two potential investors to fund the investment program operated by Syndicated Gold Depository. One of the investors contacted the Commission and provided information about the investment program, prompting an immediate investigation by the Securities Division.

The Commission found that Parklane International informed investors of Syndicated Gold Depository's agreement to raise capital for a Canadian mining company based in Central America. The mining company allegedly operated a refinery in Tegucigalpa, Honduras and would use investor funds to purchase gold and silver ore from Central, North and South America. Syndicated Gold Depository would then pay investors a return from the profits it earned from the mining company.

In its sales literature to prospective investors, Parklane International stated that all funds would be secured by a collateral bond. The Commission found, however, that the company failed to provide investors with any financial statements outlining the amount of collateral involved.

Arizona is not the only state regulator to bar the companies from offering and selling the Syndicated Gold

Depository investment program. The Pennsylvania Securities Commission issued a cease and desist order in December 2003.

The Commission urges the public to verify registration status of the salesperson, the investment and the company issuing the security by contacting the Commission's Securities Division at 602-542-4242 or toll free, 1-866-VERIFY-9 or email at info@azinvestor.gov. The Commission's investor education web site also has valuable information for investors, www.azinvestor.gov.

The text of the stipulation and related documents will be posted at <http://www.ccsd.cc.state.az.us/enforcement/enforce-orders.asp>. All public documents related to the cases can be viewed and/or printed through the Commission's e-Docket system. The case or docket number assigned to the Giannantonio matter is S-20433A-05-0887. The case or docket number assigned to the Parklane International Corp. and Syndicated Gold Depository matter is S-03561A-04-0000.

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