
IN THE MATTER OF:

*
STOCKPILE GIFTS, INC.

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CONSENT ORDER

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("Stockpile")

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WHEREAS, the Banking Commissioner ("Commissioner") is charged with the administration of Part V of Chapter 668, Sections 36a-595 to 36a-612, inclusive, of the Connecticut General Statutes, known as the "Money Transmission Act";

WHEREAS, Stockpile is a California corporation with a principal business address of 716 San Antonio Rd., Unit B, Palo Alto, California;

WHEREAS, the Commissioner, through the Consumer Credit Division of the Department of Banking, has conducted an investigation into the activities of Stockpile pursuant to Sections 36a-17 and 36a-608 of the Connecticut General Statutes to determine if it had violated, was violating or was about to violate the provisions of the Connecticut General Statutes within the jurisdiction of the Commissioner;

WHEREAS, as a result of such investigation, the Commissioner alleges that Stockpile engaged in certain transactions constituting the business of money transmission in this state without the required license since at least November 1, 2016, in violation of Section 36a-597(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes, in effect at such time;

WHEREAS, Stockpile represents that it has fully ceased all money transmission activity in this state prior to the issuance of this Consent Order and has cooperated with the investigation;

WHEREAS, the Commissioner believes that such allegation would support initiation of enforcement proceedings against Stockpile, including, without limitation, proceedings to issue a cease and desist order pursuant to Sections 36a-608(c) of the Connecticut General Statutes and Section 36a-52(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended by Public Act 21-130, and to impose a civil penalty of up to one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) per violation pursuant to Section 36a-608(c) of the Connecticut General Statutes and Section 36a-50(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended by Public Act 21-130;

WHEREAS, initiation of such enforcement proceedings would constitute a "contested case" within the meaning of Section 4-166(4) of the Connecticut General Statutes;

WHEREAS, Section 4-177(c) of the Connecticut General Statutes and Section 36a-1-55(a) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies provide that a contested case may be resolved by consent order, unless precluded by law;

WHEREAS, both the Commissioner and Stockpile acknowledge the possible consequences of formal administrative proceedings, and Stockpile voluntarily agrees to consent to the entry of the sanctions imposed below without admitting or denying the allegation set forth herein, and solely for the purpose of obviating the need for formal administrative proceedings concerning the allegation set forth herein;

WHEREAS, the Commissioner and Stockpile now desire to resolve the matters set forth herein;
WHEREAS, Stockpile specifically assures the Commissioner that the violation alleged herein shall not occur in the future;

WHEREAS, Stockpile acknowledges that this Consent Order is a public record and is a reportable event for purposes of the regulatory disclosure questions on NMLS, as applicable;

AND WHEREAS, Stockpile, through its execution of this Consent Order, voluntarily agrees to waive its procedural rights, including a right to a notice and an opportunity for a hearing as it pertains to the allegation set forth herein, and voluntarily waives its right to seek judicial review or otherwise challenge or contest the validity of this Consent Order.

CONSENT TO ENTRY OF SANCTIONS

WHEREAS, Stockpile, through its execution of this Consent Order, consents to the

Commissioner's entry of a Consent Order imposing the following sanctions:

- 1. Stockpile shall not engage in the business of money transmission in this state without a license, in violation of Section 36a-597(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes; and
- 2. No later than the date this Consent Order is executed by Stockpile, it shall remit to the Department of Banking by electronic funds transfer, cashier's check, certified check or money order made payable to "Treasurer, State of Connecticut", the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) as a civil penalty.

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NOW THEREFORE, the Commissioner enters the following:

- 1. The Sanctions set forth above be and are hereby entered;
- 2. Upon issuance of this Consent Order by the Commissioner, this matter will be resolved and the Commissioner will not take any future enforcement action against Stockpile based upon the allegation contained herein; provided that issuance of this Consent Order is without prejudice to the right of the Commissioner to take enforcement action against Stockpile based upon a violation of this Consent Order or the matters underlying its entry, if the Commissioner determines that compliance with the terms herein is not being observed or if any representation made by Stockpile and reflected herein is subsequently discovered to be untrue;
- 3. Stockpile shall not take any action or make or permit to be made any public statement, including in regulatory filings or otherwise, denying, directly or indirectly, any allegation referenced in this Consent Order or create the impression that this Consent Order is without factual basis. Nothing in this paragraph affects Stockpile's (i) testimonial obligations, or (ii) right to take legal or factual positions in defense of litigation or other legal or administrative proceedings to which the Commissioner and/or the Department are not parties. This Consent Order is not intended for use by any third party in any other proceeding and is not intended, and should not be construed, as an admission of liability by Stockpile;
- 4. Subject to the foregoing, and so long as this Consent Order is promptly disclosed by Stockpile and its control persons on NMLS, as applicable, nothing in the issuance of this Consent Order shall adversely affect the ability of Stockpile to apply for or obtain an initial license or renewal license under Part V of Chapter 668, Sections 36a-595 to 36a-612, inclusive, of the Connecticut General Statutes, provided that all applicable legal requirements for such licenses are satisfied and the terms of this Consent Order are followed;
- 5. This Consent Order shall be binding on Stockpile and its successors and assigns; and
- 6. This Consent Order shall become final when issued.

	/s/
Issued at Hartford, Connecticut	Jorge L. Perez
this <u>1st</u> day of February 2022.	Banking Commissioner

I, Victor Wang, state on behalf of Stockpile Gifts, Inc., that I have read the foregoing Consent

Order; that I know and fully understand its contents; that I am authorized to execute this Consent Order

on behalf of Stockpile Gifts, Inc.; that Stockpile Gifts, Inc. agrees freely and without threat or coercion of

any kind to comply with the sanctions entered and terms and conditions ordered herein; and that Stockpile

Gifts, Inc. voluntarily agrees to enter into this Consent Order, expressly waiving the procedural rights set

forth herein as to the matters described herein.

By: ____/s/___

Name: Victor Wang

Title: CEO

Stockpile Gifts, Inc.

State of: California

County of: San Francisco

On this the 25th day of January 2022, before me, John Cavalli, the undersigned officer, personally

appeared Victor Wang who acknowledged himself/herself to be the CEO of Stockpile Gifts, Inc., a

corporation, and that he/she as such CEO, being authorized so to do, executed the foregoing instrument

for the purposes therein contained, by signing the name of the corporation by himself/herself as CEO.

In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand.

Notary Public

Date Commission Expires: 01-23-2023

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