1 STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS 2 SECURITIES DIVISION 3 IN THE MATTER OF DETERMINING Order Number S-05-026-05-SC01 Whether there has been a violation of the) Securities Act of Washington by: STATEMENT OF CHARGES, SUMMARY 5 ORDER REVOKING EXEMPTIONS. AND 6 InterBay Funding Group Inc., Donald J.) NOTICE OF INTENT TO ENTER STOP Vanhook, and Jeanne Vanhook, ORDER AND ORDER TO CEASE AND 7) DESIST, IMPOSING FINES, AND **ASSESSING COSTS** Respondents. 9 THE STATE OF WASHINGTON TO: InterBay Funding Group Inc., Donald J. Vanhook, and Jeanne Vanhook 10 2031 196th Street SW, Suite B-202 Lynnwood, WA 98036 11 12 STATEMENT OF CHARGES 13 14 Please take notice that the Securities Administrator of the State of Washington has 15 reason to believe that the Respondents, InterBay Funding Group Inc., Donald J. Vanhook, and 16 Jeanne Vanhook, have each violated the Securities Act of Washington and that their violations 17 justify the entry of an order of the Securities Administrator under RCW 21.20.325, RCW 18 21.20.280, RCW 21.20.390, and RCW 21.20.732 revoking securities registration exemptions, 19 denying securities registration, to cease and desist from such violations, and to pay a \$50,000 20 fine and at least \$2,000 in costs. The Securities Administrator finds that delay in revoking 21 Respondents' securities registration exemptions would be hazardous to the investors and to the 22

public and that a summary order revoking exemptions should be entered immediately. The

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Securities Administrator finds as follows:

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TENTATIVE FINDINGS OF FACT

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RESPONDENTS

- 1. InterBay Funding Group Inc. (InterBay) is a Washington corporation with its principal place of business at 2031 196th Street SW, Suite B-202, Lynnwood, Washington 98036.
- 2. InterBay is a "debenture company" under RCW 21.20.705 and from May 2000 until October 15, 2004, operated as such under permit number 70010450. InterBay has applied to renew its securities registration.
- 3. Donald and Jeanne Vanhook own InterBay and serve as its President and Secretary, respectively.

BACKGROUND

- 4. InterBay is in the business of purchasing secured automobile loans from automobile dealers and also originating secured automobile loans directly to borrowers. To finance these business operations, InterBay sells unsecured Investment Notes (Notes) to investors.

 Generally, the Notes promise a fixed rate of return and a 1– to 5-year maturity date.
- 5. Generally, RCW 21.20.705 defines a "debenture company" to include an issuer of any note, debenture, or other debt obligation who will use the proceeds from the offering as capital or operating funds to engage in the business of investing, reinvesting, owning, holding, or trading in notes, debt obligations, vendors' interests in real estate contracts, real or personal property to be leased to third parties, or real or personal property. In addition to the other sections of the Securities Act of Washington, chapter 21.20 RCW, a debenture company must comply with several special rules established in RCW 21.20.705-.855, which includes maintaining a minimum net worth established according to a formula that traces outstanding securities other than capital stock. Generally, the issuer must have a net worth of \$200,000 for

its first \$1,000,000 of such outstanding securities plus, for any such securities in excess of \$1,000,000 but not more than \$100,000,000, additional net worth of 10% of that amount.

- 6. Generally, under WAC 460-16A-200 an issuer of debt securities must have a reasonable ability to service the debt, which among other things requires the issuer to demonstrate a pro forma earnings-to-fixed-charges (EFC) ratio of 1 to 1 or greater.
- 7. InterBay was the subject of a prior Securities Division order dated February 25, 1998. In that order, InterBay and Donald Vanhook resolved with the Division allegations that they had offered or sold securities in Washington without registering the securities, RCW 21.20.140; registering as a salesperson or broker-dealer, RCW 21.20.040; and providing proper disclosure to investors, RCW 21.20.010. InterBay and Donald J. Vanhook agreed to cease and desist from future violations and to a two-year revocation of the registration exemptions granted in RCW 21.20.320(1), (5), and (11).
- 8. InterBay's permit to sell securities in Washington has been specially conditioned on filing quarterly and monthly reports with the Division. Monthly reports are due within 20 days of the end of the applicable month and quarterly reports are due within 30 days of the end of the applicable quarter. Among other items, the reports require InterBay to state its outstanding Notes, net worth, and earnings. The monthly report also requires InterBay to list its capital excess or shortage under RCW 21.20.710 and its EFC ratio. From the quarterly reports, the Division can calculate the capital excess or shortage and EFC ratio based on the financial information InterBay provides.

NATURE OF THE CONDUCT

9. InterBay has filed monthly reports that show the following information:

Date	Date filed	Outstanding	Net worth	Capital	EFC
covered		Notes		Excess	ratio
				(shortage)	
Mar. '04	4/20/04	\$4,274,136	\$653,868	\$126,455	1.67
Apr. '04	5/21/04	4,374,296	691,144	153,715	1.31
May '04	11/24/04	4,465,935	643,977	97,384	1.15
Jun. '04	7/21/04	4,526,648	671,421	118,756	1.21
Jul. '04	11/24/04	4,547,781	560,553	5,775	0.86
Aug. '04	11/24/04	4,612,584	489,064	(72,204)	0.73
Sep. '04	Not filed				
Oct. '04	1/17/05	4,662,097	245,666	(319,543)	0.52
Nov. '04	12/20/04	4,684,239	228,146	(340,278)	0.50
Dec. '04	1/21/05	4,701,706	279,025	(291,145)	0.63

On November 24, 2004, InterBay amended its June 2004 monthly report to decrease its net worth to \$465,641, indicate a capital shortage of (\$87,024), and lower its EFC ratio to 0.50.

10. InterBay has filed quarterly reports that show the following information:

Date covered	Date filed	Outstanding Notes	Net worth	Capital Excess (shortage)	EFC ratio
JanMar. '04	7/2/04	\$4,269,307	\$472,022	\$(54,909)	0.83
AprJun. '04	9/8/04	4,526,648	352,678	(199,987)	0.51
JulSep. '04	12/9/04	4,640,968	253,513	(310,584)	0.52
OctDec. '04	1/31/05	4,701,706	246,352	(323,819)	0.62

- 11. InterBay's reports contain substantially inconsistent financial information. For instance, the net worth and EFC ratios reported from compiled data at the end of quarters has been significantly lower than those on InterBay's monthly reports. Similarly, the two different June reports show greatly varying net worth and EFC ratios.
- 12. In August 2004, InterBay applied to renew its securities registration. InterBay's registration materials contained stale financial information that was at least 18 months old.
- 13. Since September 2004, InterBay's reports have acknowledged InterBay's capital deficiency violation under RCW 21.20.710. From at least September 2004 and as recently as

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December 2004, the Division has alerted InterBay of its duties to comply with the Securities Act of Washington, including the net worth requirements in RCW 21.20.710, the EFC ratio requirements in WAC 460-16A-200, and the requirement to provide investors full disclosure of all material information, including current financial information. The Division has contacted and issued comments to InterBay about the tardiness and reliability of financial information in InterBay's reports and the disclosure materials, including financial information, in InterBay's registration application. InterBay has indicated that it needed more time to respond these comments and gather and prepare financial information. InterBay has not responded to all of the Division's comments.

14. Through this time period, InterBay has rolled over existing note holders as their Notes ecame due and provided inadequate disclosure.

EMERGENCY AND PUBLIC INTEREST

The Securities Administrator finds that the continued offering of InterBay Notes in the circumstances and manner described in the Tentative Findings of Fact, particularly given the prior enforcement order, capital deficiency, and failure to provide information to the Division, presents a threat to the investing public.

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Based upon the Tentative Findings of Fact, the following Conclusions of Law are made:

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CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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1. The offer or sale of the Notes described above constitutes the offer or sale of a security as defined in RCW 21.20.005(10) and (12).

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2. InterBay is a "debenture company" as defined in RCW 21.20.705.

- 3. As set forth in Tentative Findings of Fact 8, 9, 10, 13, and 14, the Respondents have violated RCW 21.20.710 by, in at least the months of March, June, August, September, October, November, and December, 2004, offering or selling securities but not maintaining the required net worth.
- 4. As set forth in Tentative Findings of Fact 8 through 14, the Respondents have violated RCW 21.20.010 by, in connection with the offer or sale of securities, making untrue statements of material fact, or omitting to state material facts necessary in order to make the statements made not misleading, including failing to disclose full and current financial information.
- 5. As set forth in Tentative Findings of Fact 8, 9, 10, and 14, the Respondents have violated WAC 460-16A-200 by offering or selling securities without maintaining an earnings to fixed-charges ratio of 1 to 1 or greater.
- 6. The conduct set forth in Tentative Findings of Fact 8 through 14 constitutes unsafe or unsound practices in conducting the business of a debenture company under RCW 21.20.732 because: (A) the Respondents have not timely submitted monthly and quarterly reports in compliance with the terms of their permit; (B) the Respondents have not maintained current and accurate financial records; (C) the Respondents have been unable to adequately monitor, evaluate, and respond to important business issues such as profitability, net worth, and the prospect of insolvency; (D) the Respondents have not provided to the Division or their investors current financial information; and/or (E) the cumulative effect of these practices, the allegations in the above Tentative Findings of Fact, and/or the violations noted in the above Conclusions of Law constitute unsafe or unsound practices under RCW 21.20.732.

CONTINUING INVESTIGATION

The Department is continuing to investigate the practices of the Respondents and their principals, employees, and agents to determine the full extent of the violations of the Securities Act of Washington that have occurred in this matter.

SUMMARY ORDER REVOKING EXEMPTIONS

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provided in RCW 21.20.320 from the securities registration requirement are REVOKED as to

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY SUMMARILY ORDERED that the exemptions

any transactions in InterBay securities.

Based on the foregoing,

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ENTER STOP ORDER AND ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST, IMPOSING FINES, AND ASSESSING COSTS

Pursuant to RCW 21.20.280, RCW 21.20.390, RCW 21.20.395, and RCW 21.20.732, and based upon the Tentative Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Securities Administrator intends to order that:

- 1. InterBay Funding Group Inc.'s application for securities registration be denied;
- 2. InterBay Funding Group Inc., Donald J. Vanhook, Jeanne Vanhook, and their employees and agents each cease and desist from violations of RCW 21.20.010, the anti-fraud provisions of the Securities Act of Washington; WAC 460-16A-200, the earnings-to-fixed charges ratio for debt offerings; and RCW 21.20.732, prohibiting unsafe or unsound practices by debenture companies;

1	If a Respondent does not request a hearing, the Securities Administrator intends to					
2	adopt the above Tentative Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law as final and make the					
3	Statement of Charges, Summary Order Revoking Exemptions, and Notice of Intent to Enter					
4	Stop Order and Order to Cease and Desist, Imposing Fines, and Assessing Costs permanent as					
5	to that Respondent.					
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