STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS SECURITIES DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF DETERMINING whether there has been a violation of the Business Opportunity Fraud Act of Washington by:

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Order Number S-06-056-06-CO01

CONSENT ORDER

Designer Hardscapes, Inc; John Benton,

Respondents.

9	Pursuant to the Business Opportunity Fraud Act of Washington, RCW 19.110, the Securities		
10	Division and Respondents, Designer Hardscapes, Inc. and John Benton, do hereby enter into this		
11	CONSENT ORDER in settlement of the matters alleged herein. Respondents, Designer Hardscapes, Inc.		
12	and John Benton, neither admit nor deny the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law stated below.		
13	FINDINGS OF FACT		
14	Respondents		
15	1. Designer Hardscapes, Inc. ("Designer Hardscapes"), a Nevada corporation, was established on		
16	November 16, 2005. Designer Hardscapes is currently doing business at 6585 S. Arville St. Las Vegas, NV		
17	89118.		
18	2. John Benton ("Benton") is the President and Director of Designer Hardscapes, Inc.		
19	Nature of Offering		
20	3. Designer Hardscapes is the seller of a business opportunity to own and operate a dealership		
21	that specializes in the sale and installation of decorative paving stones.		
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4. Respondents attended the Franchise and Business Opportunity Show in Seattle, Washington on March 4th and 5th, 2006.

5. Respondents offered the business opportunity to Washington residents at the show.

6. Respondents collected the names, addresses and telephone numbers of at least 21 residents at the show. Respondents contacted the residents and sent them sales information.

7. On March 10, 2006, Respondents mailed a Washington resident, who attended the show, a brochure and package of offering materials, including a dealership application.

8 8. Respondents represented to the Washington resident in the materials that Designer Hardscapes 9 provides purchasers of the opportunity "with the full turn-key business operations strategy, as well as the 10 skilled craftsman, labor and equipment to facilitate the installation of all your hardscape projects" and 11 that "Our proven business model provides you with a complete 'turn-key' package including: Sales, 12 Training & Operation Manuals, All business documents, forms and contracts, Extensive training, site 13 selection assistance and on-going support, and Sales & Marketing materials-including brochures, ad-14 slicks and direct marketing templates".

9. The Designer Hardscapes materials also represented, "the opportunity to establish a multimillion dollar business is very possible" and "a one time dealership investment could produce endless
results" and "If you have the desire to run a multi-million dollar business entity, this could be the
opportunity for you."

1910.Purchasers of the opportunity are required to pay \$52,000 to \$107,000 for a "dealership20package" depending upon what package the purchasers of the opportunity select. Designer Hardscapes21offers a Silver Package for \$52,000, a Gold Package for \$97,000, a Platinum Package for \$102,600 as22well as a Marketing Package for \$12,000 and a Partner to Success Package for \$5,000 that can be added23CONSENT ORDER2DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

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1	to the Silver or Gold Packages. These packages each offer a range of services and support including		
2	training, software, dealership site assistance, documents and contracts, on-site support, business plan		
3	development, website development, promotional items, direct marketing materials, and subcontractors		
4	Designer Hardscapes also requires an initial capital investment of \$100,000.		
5	Registration Status		
6	11. Designer Hardscapes became registered to offer and sell business opportunities in the State of		
7	Washington on April 11, 2006, and was not registered prior to that time.		
8	Based upon the above Findings of Fact, the following Conclusions of Law are made:		
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10	CONCLUSIONS OF LAW		
11	1. The offers and/or sales of the business opportunity described above constitute the offer and/or		
12	sale of a business opportunity as defined in RCW 19.110.020(1) and RCW 19.110.030(1).		
13	2. The offers and/or sales of said business opportunity were in violation of RCW 19.110.050, the		
14	registration requirement provision of the Business Opportunity Fraud Act, because no registration for		
15	offers and/or sales is on file with the Securities Administrator.		
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17	CONSENT ORDER		
18	Based upon the foregoing:		
19	IT IS AGREED AND ORDERED that Respondents, Designer Hardscapes, Inc. and John Benton		
20	their agents and employees, each shall cease and desist from offering or selling business opportunities in		
21	violation of RCW 19.110.050, the registration section of the Business Opportunity Fraud Act of the Stat		
22	of Washington.		
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IT IS FURTHER AGREED AND ORDERED that Respondents, Designer Hardscapes, Inc. and John Benton, shall disclose the existence and contents of this Consent Order in any disclosure documents approved for use in the State of Washington, such requirement commencing from the date of entry of this Consent Order.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED AND ORDERED that Respondents, Designer Hardscapes, Inc. and John Benton, shall pay to the Securities Division the costs, fees, and other expenses incurred in the investigation and prosecution of this matter in the amount of \$500 on or before the date of entry of this Consent Order.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that the Securities Division has jurisdiction to enter this Consent
 Order.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that in consideration of the foregoing, Respondents, Designer Hardscapes, Inc. and John Benton, waive their rights to a hearing in this matter and judicial review of this matter pursuant to Chapter 34.05 RCW.

5 || SIGNED this <u>12th</u> day of <u>June</u>,2006.

6 Approved for Entry by:

7 Signed by:

8 Designer Hardscapes, Inc.

By /s/ John Bent

John Benton, President

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10		Securities Administrator	
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