STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS SECURITIES DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF DETERMINING whether there has been a violation of the) Order No.: S-16-1849-16-CO01
Franchise Investment Protection Act of) CONSENT ORDER
Washington by:)
)
Korean Red Ginseng Corp., Inc.,)
)
Respondent.	

Pursuant to the Franchise Investment Protection Act of Washington, RCW 19.100, the Securities Division and Respondent Korean Red Ginseng Corp., Inc. enter into this consent order to settle the matters alleged below. Respondent Korean Red Ginseng Corp., Inc. neither admits nor denies the following Findings of Fact or Conclusions of Law:

FINDINGS OF FACT

Respondents

1. Korean Red Ginseng Corp., Inc., formed in 2009, is a California corporation, which franchises health supplement retail stores.

Related Parties

2. Korea Ginseng Corp., a Korean corporation, acts as Korean Red Ginseng Corp.'s parent company.

Nature of the Offering

- 3. Beginning in approximately 2002, Korea Ginseng Corp. entered into distribution agreements to supply American companies to sell Korea Ginseng Corp. brand health supplement products.
- 4. Korean Red Ginseng Corp., in approximately 2009, assumed Korea Ginseng Corp.'s role as a supplier of Korea Ginseng Corp. brand products to American distributors.
- 5. To better support its American distributors and to better market Korea Ginseng Corp. brand products, around 2012, Korean Red Ginseng Corp. developed a franchise system to have Korean Ginseng Corp. brand products sold through retail outlets. This plan included converting existing distributorships into franchises.
- 6. Korean Red Ginseng Corp. retained attorneys to draft Korean Red Ginseng Corp.'s franchise disclosure document and franchise agreement, as well as register Korean Red Ginseng Corp.'s franchise offering in relevant states. Due to miscommunication with its previous attorneys, Korean Red Ginseng Corp. mistakenly thought that it was registered to offer and sell franchises in the state of Washington, when it converted a Washington distributor into a franchise in 2013 and another in 2014.

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- 7. In the franchise agreement that these Washington outlets signed, Korean Red Ginseng Corp. required payment of an initial franchise fee of \$9,000 and a recurring royalty and marketing fee. In exchange, Korean Red Ginseng Corp. would, among other services, provide them with initial and continuous training, develop national and local advertising programs, supply them with a company operating manual, and allow them the right to sell Korean Ginseng Corp. brand products. Korean Red Ginseng Corp. also granted these Washington outlets a license to use Korean Red Ginseng Corp. trademarks.
- 8. The franchise agreement further requires the Washington outlets to purchase goods from suppliers approved by Korean Red Ginseng Corp.
- 9. Prior to signing these franchise agreements, the principals of each Washington outlet were provided with a franchise disclosure document. The document, however, had not been approved by the Securities Division.
- 10. These two Korean Red Ginseng Corp. outlets are currently in operation.

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

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- The conversion of the Korean Red Ginseng Corp. distributorships in Washington as described above constitutes the offer and sale of a franchise as defined in RCW 19.100.010(6), RCW 19.100.010(12), and RCW 19.100.010(17).
- 2. The offer and sale of each franchise was in violation of RCW 19.100.020 because no registration for the offer and sale was on file with the Securities Administrator of the state of Washington at the time of Korean Red Ginseng Corp.'s offer and sale to each Washington franchisee.

CONSENT ORDER

Based upon the foregoing and finding it in the public interest:

- IT IS AGREED AND ORDERED THAT Respondent Korean Red Ginseng Corp. and its agents and employees, shall each cease and desist from offering or selling franchises in violation of RCW 19.100.020, the registration section of the Franchise Investment Protection Act of the state of Washington.
- IT IS FURTHER AGREED that prior to the entry of this Consent Order, Respondent Korean Red Ginseng Corp. shall be liable for and shall pay the Securities Division the costs and expenses incurred in the investigation of this matter in the amount of \$1,250.
 - IT IS FURTHER AGREED that the Securities Division has jurisdiction to enter this Consent Order.
- IT IS FURTHER AGREED that Respondent Korean Red Ginseng Corp. enters into this Consent Order freely and voluntarily and with full understanding of its terms and significance.

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IT IS FURTHER AGREED that in consideright to a hearing and to judicial review of this matter	eration of the foregoing, Korean Red Ginseng Corp. waives its
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Signed this16th day ofFebruar	ry 2016.
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Signed by:	
Korean Red Ginseng Corp.	
By/s/	
Jihan Park President of Korean Red Ginseng Corp.	
Approved as to form by:	
/s/	
Andrew Kim, Attorney for Respondent California State Bar Number 143091	
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