STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE BUREAU OF SECURITIES REGULATION DEPARTMENT OF STATE 25 CAPITOL STREET CONCORD, NH 03301

CONSENT ORDER

John M. Rummler

C-2012000013

I. For purposes of settling the above-referenced matter and in lieu of further administrative proceedings, John M. Rummler (hereinafter referred to as "Rummler"), has submitted an offer of settlement, which the State of New Hampshire, Department of State, Bureau of Securities Regulation (hereinafter referred to as the "Bureau") has determined to accept. Accordingly, and without admitting or denying the allegations and findings herein, Rummler does hereby consent to the entry of this Consent Order and the following undertaking and sanctions.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

- 1. Rummler is an individual who resides in Kittery Point, Maine. Rummler has never been licensed as a securities professional in the State of New Hampshire. The relevant time period of this investigation is from 2004 through the present.
- 2. Investor #1 is from Rye, New Hampshire and Investor #2 is from Stratham, New Hampshire. Investor #1 and #2 filed complaints with the Bureau on June 27, 2012 regarding their purchase of common stock from Rummler in an entity called Wastech International Inc. (hereinafter referred to as "Wastech).
- 3. Wastech was incorporated in the State of Delaware since at least 1994 and was based in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. Wastech developed patented technology for wastewater disposal systems but has since gone out of business as of December 4, 2006. From 1994 through 1999, Wastech made at least three private securities offerings and raised at least four million dollars (\$4,000,000).
- 4. Investor #1 and Investor #2 met with the Bureau in June of 2012 and originally complained that they wanted the Bureau to look into Wastech to see why the company had ceased operations, allegedly without their knowledge as shareholders, what had occurred that lead their shares to be worthless, and whether or not the Bureau would look into allegations that a former Chief Operating Officer of Wastech had stolen valuable technology from Wastech that could be recovered for the benefit

- of shareholders. Investor #1 and Investor #2 claimed they had only recently learned in 2011 that the company had ceased operations in 2006.
- 5. During this meeting in June 2012, Investor #1 and #2 alleged that they had purchased common stock in Wastech from Rummler in October of 2004. Investor #1 claimed that he had purchased 12,000 shares for forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) and Investor #2 claimed that he had purchased 2,000 shares for ten thousand dollars (\$10,000). Investor #1 and Investor #2 provided the Bureau with documents that purported to be Wastech common stock certificates which they stated they received from Rummler. Investor #1 and Investor #2 said they believed, based on representations from Rummler, that they were shareholders of Wastech. It became immediately apparent to the Bureau that the purported stock certificates were not authentic.
- 6. During a deposition of Rummler conducted by the Bureau on March 28, 2013, Rummler denied ever creating the purported stock certificates discussed in paragraph number five above. Rummler maintained that he had only sold Investor #1 and Investor #2 stock warrants for Wastech, meaning they had the right to buy Wastech shares at a given price and for a given period of time. Rummler testified that Investor #1 and Investor #2 paid for these stock warrants but never exercised them. Rummler testified that he could not recall whether Investor #1 and Investor #2 paid a combined total of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) or fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000). Despite several opportunities to do so, at no time did Rummler inform Investor #1 or Investor #2 that their stock warrants had expired and that they were not shareholders in Wastech.
- 7. The Bureau investigation revealed that Investor #1 and Investor #2 were never shareholders of Wastech. Wastech had no records indicating a transfer of shares from Rummler to Investor #1 or Investor #2.
- 8. Since the filing of the complaint with the Bureau in June 2012, Rummler has voluntarily repaid forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) to Investor #1 and ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to Investor #2, plus a reimbursement of attorney's fees. Investor #1 and Investor #2 have since withdrawn their complaints with the Bureau.

STATEMENT OF LAW

- 1. Rummler is a "person" under RSA 421-B:2, XVI.
- 2. Pursuant to RSA 421-B:3, It is unlawful for any person, in connection with the offer, sale, or purchase of any security, directly or indirectly:(a) To employ any device, scheme, or artifice to defraud; (b) To make any untrue statement of a material fact or to omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements made, in the light of the circumstances under which they are made, not misleading; or (c) To engage in any act, practice, or course of business which operates or would operate as a fraud or deceit upon any person. Rummler is in violation of this provision for

engaging in an act, practice, or course of business that operated as a fraud upon Investor #1 and Investor #2 by leading them to believe they were legal shareholders of Wastech when they never were.

- 3. Pursuant to RSA 421-B:10, I(a) and (b)(7), the Bureau may by order deny, suspend, or revoke any license or application, or bar any person from licensure if he or she finds that the order is in the public interest, and has engaged in dishonest or unethical practices in the conduct of business in the state of New Hampshire or elsewhere.Rummler is subject to this provision and should be banned from future licensure for the conduct described above.
- 4. Pursuant to RSA 421-B:22, IV, the Bureau may assess the cost of its investigation. Rummler is subject to this provision.
- 5. Pursuant to RSA 421-B:23, I, whenever it appears to the secretary of state that any person has engaged or is about to engage in any act or practice constituting a violation of this chapter or any rule under this chapter, he shall have the power to issue and cause to be served upon such person an order requiring the person to cease and desist from violations of this chapter. Rummler is subject to this provision.
- 6. Pursuant to RSA 421-B:26, VIII, any person who, either knowingly or negligently, engages in any conduct prohibited by RSA 421-B:10, I(b)(2), (7), (10), (12), or (13) may, upon hearing, and in addition to any other penalty provided for by law, be subject to an administrative fine not to exceed \$2,500, or both. Each of the acts specified shall constitute a separate violation. Rummler is subject to this provision.
- II. In view of the foregoing, Rummler agrees to the following:

Undertakings

- 1. Rummler agrees that he has voluntarily consented to the entry of this Consent Order and represents and avers that no employee or representative of the Bureau has made any promise, representation or threat to induce their execution.
- 2. Rummler agrees to waive his right to an administrative hearing and any appeal therein under this chapter.
- 3. Rummler agrees that this Consent Order is entered into for the purpose of resolving only the matter described herein. The Consent Order shall have no collateral estoppels, res judicata or evidentiary effect in any other lawsuit, proceeding, or action not described herein. Likewise, the Consent Order shall not be construed to restrict the Bureau's right to initiate an administrative investigation or proceeding relative to conduct by Rummler which the Bureau has no knowledge at the time of the date of final entry of this Order.

- 4. Rummler may 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 in this Consent Order or create the impression that the Consent Order is without factual basis. Nothing in this provision affects Rummler's right or ability to refute the allegations in this Consent Order in any criminal or civil action arising from or related to the same, or substantially similar, underlying claims.
- 5. Rummler agrees to, by Order pursuant to RSA 421-B:23, cease and desist from further violations under this chapter.
- 6. Rummler agrees to be barred from offering or selling any securities in the State of New Hampshire and further barred from licensure in any professional securities capacity in the State of New Hampshire.
- 7. Upon execution of this Consent Order, Rummler will pay a fine of two thousand, five hundred dollars (\$2,500). A certified check or mail order funds shall be made out to the State of New Hampshire and received by the Bureau within ten days of the execution of this Order.
- 8. Upon execution of this Consent Order, Rummler agrees to pay the costs of the Bureau's investigation in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500). A certified check or mail order funds shall be made payable to the State of New Hampshire and received by the Bureau within ten days of the execution of this Order.
- III. Based on the foregoing, the Bureau deems it appropriate and in the public interest to accept and enter into this Order. THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:
 - 1. Rummler is hereby barred from securities licensure in the State of New Hampshire.
 - 2. Rummler is hereby barred from offering or selling any securities in the State of NewHampshire.
 - 3. Rummler is hereby order to permanently cease and desist from further violations of RSA 421-B.
 - 4. Rummler is hereby ordered to pay a fine in the amount of two thousand, five hundred dollars (\$2,500).
 - 5. Rummler is hereby ordered to pay the costs of this investigation in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500).

Executed this the day of the	, 2013
John M. Rummler	
Executed this 10 day of July	, 2013
Barry Glennon, Director	