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JAY LEBOEUF and STERLING PARTNERS GROUP, LTD., ENJOINED ON CHARGES OF SECURITIES LAW VIOLATIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE SALE OF INVESTMENTS IN OIL and GAS WELLS

Denver, Colorado --- Colorado Securities Commissioner Fred J. Joseph announced today that he has filed a complaint in Denver District Court and obtained a temporary restraining order against Sterling Partners Group, Ltd., and its sole owner, Jay LeBoeuf, alleging that they are violating the registration, licensing and anti-fraud provisions of the Colorado Securities Act ("Act"). On February 13, 2008, Denver District Court Judge Norman Haglund entered a temporary restraining order, which prohibits the Defendants, LeBoeuf and Sterling, from offering or selling securities in Colorado and violating the anti-fraud provisions of the Colorado Securities Act.

LeBoeuf is a Colorado resident who currently resides in Castle Rock, Colorado. Sterling is a Colorado corporation with its registered principal place of business at 9800 Mr. Pyramid Court, Suite 400, Englewood, Colorado.

In the complaint, the Commissioner has alleged that from September 2005, and continuing to the present, the Defendants raised over \$200,000 from at least 7 investors through a fraudulent, unregistered offering of securities in the form of fractionalized interests in oil and gas rights. It is alleged that the Defendants marketed these securities by contacting potential investors using cold-call telemarketing tactics. LeBouef would obtain so-called "lead sheets" from marketing groups, and cold call the names on the lead sheets. LeBouef contacted at least 4,000 potential investors from these lead sheets. The Commissioner also alleges that a substantial amount of the investors' funds have been spent on personal items, such as LeBoeuf's rent, child support, and living expenses.

According to the Commissioner's complaint, LeBouef failed to register the securities in Colorado, and was not licensed to sell the securities. It is also alleged that the Defendants failed to disclose to investors that the Defendants would take 40% of all investment money received; that LeBoeuf would take draws against investor money for personal use; that a similar company owned by LeBoeuf, Sterling Petroleum, also selling oil and gas well investment opportunities, recently filed bankruptcy; that LeBoeuf had recently filed for bankruptcy; and that Leboeuf was currently being sued for more than \$1 million for fraud in connection with various Sterling operations.

The Commissioner's complaint charges the defendants with violating the anti-fraud, licensing, and registration provisions of the Colorado Securities Act. In addition to the emergency relief described above, the complaint seeks permanent injunctions prohibiting future violations of the securities laws, damages, and restitution on behalf of investors.

The Commissioner is represented in the action by attorneys from the office of State Attorney General John Suthers.

A copy of the complaint and temporary restraining order can be found at <http://www.dora.state.co.us/securities/enforcement.htm#Injunctions>

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