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**STATE SECURITIES COMMISSIONER ORDERS
MARATAS; PARADISE PRODUCTIONS, LLC; AND PARADISE FAMILY FUN CENTER
TO CEASE SALE OF UNREGISTERED SECURITIES**

HONOLULU – State Securities Commissioner Tung Chan issued a preliminary cease and desist order against Cynthia Diane Maratas Ching, Paradise Productions, LLC, and Paradise Family Fun Center, LLC.

The order alleges that between October 1, 1999 and December 31, 2007, Respondents offered unregistered securities totaling more than approximately \$1.1 million to both local and mainland investors with the promise of returns from various entertainment projects referred to as “Paradise Family Fun Centers” and “Family Fun Centers” in violation of a prior order. Respondents also allegedly failed to inform the investors of an earlier cease and desist order issued against them in 1999 and failed to inform investors that Maratas Ching was criminally prosecuted, convicted, and spent time in jail for securities fraud in 2002. The order further alleges that Maratas Ching spent the investors’ funds for personal use.

Respondents are charged with selling unregistered securities in the form of investment contracts and violating the State’s anti-fraud provisions. The order seeks a civil penalty of \$1 million, rescission and restitution for investors, and a permanent injunction against transacting securities in the State of Hawaii.

State securities laws provide anti-fraud provisions and also require securities such as investment contracts, as well as individuals or entities soliciting or transacting securities, to be registered with the State.

Anyone who has been solicited by or engaged in business transactions with Cynthia Diane Maratas Ching, Paradise Productions, LLC, and Paradise Family Fun Center is urged to contact the State Securities Enforcement Branch as soon as possible.

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