Case 2:07-cv-03654-GW-FMO Document 474 Filed 03/01/12 Page 1 of 18 Page ID #:4918

2011, the Court issued a Statement of Decision (Docket No. 431) finding by a preponderance of evidence that BurnLounge, Inc., Juan Alexander Arnold, John Taylor, and Rob DeBoer had violated Section 5 of the FTC Act, and that permanent injunctive and equitable monetary relief was warranted pursuant to 15 U.S.C. §§ 45 and 53. The Court directed Plaintiff to resubmit an amended proposed order conforming to the Court's Statement of Decision.

Based on the record established in this matter and for reasons set forth in the Court's Statement of Decision, it is hereby **ORDERED**, **ADJUDGED AND DECREED:**

DEFINITIONS

For purposes of this Final Judgment and Order for Permanent Injunction and Other Equitable Relief (hereinafter "Final Order"), the following definitions shall apply:

1. "Business opportunity" means:

- (a) A commercial arrangement in which the seller solicits a prospective purchaser to enter into a new business;
- (b) The prospective purchaser makes a required payment; and
- (c) The seller, expressly or by implication, orally or in writing, represents that the seller or one or more designated persons will:
 - (i) Provide locations for the use or operation of equipment, displays, vending machines, or similar devices, owned, leased, controlled or paid for by the purchaser;
 - (ii) Provide outlets, accounts, or customers, including, but not limited to, Internet outlets, accounts, or customers, for the purchaser's goods or services; or
 - (iii) Buy back any or all of the goods or services that the purchaser makes, produces, fabricates, grows, breeds,

modifies, or provides, including but not limited to providing payment for such services as, for example, stuffing envelopes from the purchaser's home.

- 2. "Business Venture" means any written or oral business arrangement, however denominated, that is a business opportunity, franchise, or that consists of the payment of any consideration in exchange for: (a) the right or means to offer, sell, or distribute goods or services (regardless of whether identified by a trademark, service mark, trade name, advertising or other commercial symbol); and (b) more than nominal assistance to any person or entity in connection with or incident to the establishment, maintenance, or operation of a new business, or the entry by an existing business into a new line or type of business.
- 3. "Consumer" means an actual or potential purchaser, customer, subscriber, or natural person.
- 4. "Defendant BurnLounge" means Defendant BurnLounge, Inc., and its successors and assigns.
- 5. "Defendant Arnold" means Defendant Juan Alexander Arnold.
- 6. "Defendant Taylor" means Defendant John Taylor, whose legal name is John Marcus Taylor.
- 7. "Defendant DeBoer" means Defendant Rob DeBoer, whose legal name is Robert Edwards DeBoer.
- 8. "Defendants" means Defendants BurnLounge, Inc., Juan Alexander Arnold, John Taylor and Rob DeBoer.
- 9. "Individual Defendants" means Defendants Arnold, Taylor and DeBoer.
- 10. The term "document" is synonymous in meaning and equal in scope to the usage of the term in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 34(a), and includes writings, drawings, graphs, charts, photographs, audio and

video recordings, electronically stored information, computer records, and other data compilations from which information can be obtained and translated, if necessary, through detection devices into reasonably usable form. A draft or non-identical copy is a separate document within the meaning of the term.

- participants, or have additional participants placed by the promoter or any other person into the program participant's downline, tree, cooperative, income center, or other similar program grouping; (b) sell goods or services; and (c) receive payment or other compensation, in whole or in part, based upon the sales of those in the participants downline, tree, cooperative, income center or similar program grouping.
- 17. "New business" means a business in which the prospective purchaser is not currently engaged, or a new line or type of business.
- 18. "Participating in any prohibited marketing scheme" includes, but is not limited to, promoting, marketing, advertising, offering for sale, or selling, or assisting others in the offering for sale or selling the right to participate in, the prohibited marketing scheme, as well as acting or serving as an officer, director, employee, salesperson, agent, shareholder, advisor, consultant, independent contractor, or distributor, or acting as a speaker or spokesperson on behalf of, any prohibited marketing scheme.
- 19. "Prohibited Marketing Scheme" means an illegal pyramid sales scheme (*see e.g.*, *Webster v. Omnitrition Int'l*, 79 F.3d 776, 781 (9th Cir. 1996), Ponzi scheme, chain marketing scheme, or other marketing plan or program in which participants pay money or valuable consideration in return for which they obtain the right to receive rewards for recruiting other participants into the program, and those rewards are unrelated to the sale of products or services to ultimate users. For purposes of this definition, "sale of products or services to ultimate users" does not include sales to other participants or recruits or to the participants' own accounts.
- 20. "Trademark" means trademarks, service marks, names, logos, and

other commercial symbols.

ORDER

I. Prohibited Marketing Schemes

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that each Defendant and their officers, agents, servants, and employees, and those persons in active concert or participation with them who receive actual notice of this Final Order by personal service or otherwise, whether acting directly or through any entity, corporation, subsidiary, division, or other device, are permanently restrained and enjoined from engaging, participating, or assisting in any manner or capacity whatsoever, in any Prohibited Marketing Scheme.

II. Prohibited Representations

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, in connection with the advertising, promotion, offering for sale, or sale, or assisting others in the advertising, promotion, offering for sale, or sale of any Multi-level Marketing Program or Business Venture, each Defendant and their officers, agents, servants, and employees, and those persons in active concert or participation with them who receive actual notice of this Final Order by personal service or otherwise, whether acting directly or through any entity, corporation, subsidiary, division, or other device, are permanently restrained and enjoined from making, expressly or by implication, orally or in writing, any false or misleading statement or misrepresentation of material fact including, but not limited to, the following:

- A. Misrepresentations about the amount of sales, income, or profits that a participant in such Multi-level Marketing Program or Business Venture can reasonably expect to achieve;
- B. Misrepresentations about the amount of sales, income, or profits that a participant or participants in such Multi-level Marketing Program or Business Venture have actually achieved;
 - C. Misrepresentations about the profitability of participating in such

Multi-level Marketing Program or Business Venture

- D. Misrepresentations that a person who participates in such Multi-level Marketing Program or Business Venture can reasonably expect to recoup his or her investment;
- E. Misrepresentations of any reward offered to or earned by participants in such Multi-level Marketing Program or Business Venture;
- F. Misrepresentations of the legality of such Multi-level Marketing Program or Business Venture; and
- G. Misrepresentations of any material aspect of the performance, efficacy, nature, or central characteristic of any good or service offered for sale through such Multi-level Marketing Program or Business Venture.

III. Prohibition Against Material Omissions

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that (in connection with the advertising, promotion, offering for sale, or sale, or assisting others in the advertising, promotion, offering for sale, or sale of any Multi-level Marketing Program or Business Venture) each Defendant and their officers, agents, servants, employees, and attorneys, whether acting directly or through any entity, corporation, subsidiary, division, or other device, are hereby permanently restrained and enjoined from failing to disclose, clearly and conspicuously, to any participant or prospective participant in any Multi-level Marketing Program or Business Venture to whom any earnings, profits or sales volume claims have been made, the following historical information to the extent that such information is reasonably available to the business:

A. The number and percentage of participants in the Multi-level Marketing Program or Business Venture who have earned, profited or sold at least the amount represented; and

- B. Judgment is hereby entered in favor of the Commission and against Defendant DeBoer in the amount of one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00) as disgorgement. Defendant DeBoer shall disgorge that amount to the Commission within sixty (60) days of entry of this Final Order. Full payment of this sum shall fully satisfy all monetary claims asserted by the Commission against Defendant DeBoer in this matter.
- C. Judgment is hereby entered in favor of the Commission and against Defendant Taylor, in the amount of six hundred twenty thousand one hundred thirty-nine dollars and sixty-four cents (\$620,139.64) as disgorgement. Defendant Taylor shall disgorge that amount to the Commission within sixty (60) days of entry of this Final Order. Full payment of this sum shall fully satisfy all monetary claims asserted by the Commission against Defendant Taylor in this matter.
- D. The judgments entered pursuant to this Section are equitable monetary relief, and are not fines, penalties, punitive assessments or forfeitures.
- E. Defendants shall relinquish all dominion, control, and title to the funds or assets paid or transferred pursuant to this Final Order to the fullest extent permitted by law.
- F. Pursuant to Section 604(1) of the Fair Credit Reporting Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1681b(1), any consumer reporting agency may furnish consumer reports concerning the Individual Defendants to th

3tar21

this Final Order, the Commission is authorized to communicate directly with each

For purposes of the compliance reporting and monitoring required by

E.

27

but otherwise engages in conduct which is related to or involves multi-level marketing, such Defendant must deliver a copy of this Final Order to all principals and managers of such business before engaging in such conduct.

D. Defendants must secure a signed and dated statement acknowledging receipt of the Final Order, within thirty (30) days of delivery, from all persons receiving a copy of the Final Order pursuant to this Section.

X. Acknowledgment of Receipt of Order

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that each Defendant, within five (5) business days of receipt of this Final Order as entered by the Court, must submit to the Commission a truthful sworn statement acknowledging receipt of this Final Order.

XI. Independence of Obligations

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that each of the obligations imposed by this Final Order is independent of all other obligations under the Final Order, and that the expiration of any requirements imposed by this Final Order shall not affect any other obligation arising under this Final Order.

XII. Costs and Attorneys Fees

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, except as otherwise provided above, each party to this Final Order bear his or its own costs and attorneys fees incurred in connection with this action.

XIII. Continued Jurisdiction

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Court shall retain jurisdiction

23 ///

1

3

4

5

6

7

8

9

10

11

12

13

14

15

16

17

18

19

20

21

22

27

28

/// 24

- of this matter for purposes of construction, modification, and enforcement of this 25 Final Order.
- 26

Dated: 29th of February, 2012

Case 2:07-cv-03654-GW-FMO Document 474 Filed 03/01/12 Page 18 of 18 Page ID #:4935 Year W. W. Hon. George H. Wu United States District Judge