IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLORADO

Civil Action No. 1:19-cv-02594-RM-SKC

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,

v.

MEDIATRIX CAPITAL INC., et al.,

Defendants,

and

MEDIATRIX CAPITAL FUND LTD., et al.,

Relief Defendants.

ORDER APPOINTING RECEIVER

WHEREAS this matter has come before this Court upon Plaintiff U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission's ("Commission") motion to appoint a receiver in the above-captioned action; and,

WHEREAS the Court finds that, based on the record in these proceedings, the appointment of a receiver in this action is necessary and appropriate for the purposes of marshaling and preserving all assets of the Defendants ("Receivership Assets") and those assets of the Relief Defendants that: (a) are attributable to funds derived from investors or clients of the Defendants; (b) are held in constructive trust for the Defendants; (c) were fraudulently transferred by the Defendants; and/or (d) may otherwise be includable as assets of the estates of the Defendants (collectively, the "Recoverable Assets"); and,

WHEREAS this Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this action and personal jurisdiction over the Defendants and Relief Defendants, and venue properly lies in this district.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED THAT:

This Court hereby takes exclusive jurisdiction over the assets, of whatever kind and wherever situated, of the following Defendants: Michael S. Young; Michael S. Stewart; Bryant E. Sewall (the "Individual Defendants"); and Mediatrix Capital Inc.; Blue Isle Markets Inc.; and Blue Isle Markets Ltd. (the "Entity Defendants" and together with the Individual Defendants, the "Receivership Defendants") and of the Recoverable Assets of the following Relief Defendants: Mediatrix Capital Fund Ltd.; Island Technologies LLC; West Beach LLC; Salve Regina Trust; TF Alliance, LLC; Casa Conejo LLC; Hase Haus, LLC; DCC Islands Foundation; Keystone Business Trust; Weinzel, LLC, The 1989 Foundation, Mediatrix Capital PR LLC, Mediatrix Capital, LLC; Blue Isle Markets Inc. (Cayman Islands) (the "Entity Receivership Relief Defendants" or the "Entity Relief Defendants"); and Victoria M. Stewart; Maria C. Young; and Hanna Ohonkova Sewall (collectively with the Entity Relief Defendants, the "Receivership Relief Defendants"), not including those assets previously excluded from the asset freeze. (See ECF Nos. 101, 103 ("permitting the individual defendants to open separate bank accounts that will remain unfrozen for current living expenses").)

Until further Order of this Court, Brick Kane of Robb Evans & Associates LLC is hereby appointed to serve without bond as receiver (the "Receiver") over the (1) Entity Defendants; (2) the Receivership Assets of the Individual Defendants; and (3) the Receiverable Assets of the Receivership Relief Defendants.

I. General Powers and Duties of Receiver

- 1. The Receiver shall have all powers, authorities, rights and privileges heretofore possessed by the officers, directors, managers and general and limited partners of the Receivership Defendants and the Receivership Relief Defendants under applicable state and federal law, by the governing charters, by-laws, articles and/or agreements in addition to all powers and authority of a receiver at equity, and all powers conferred upon a receiver by the provisions of 28 U.S.C. §§ 754, 959 and 1692, and Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 66.
- 2. The trustees, directors, officers, managers, employees, investment advisors, accountants, attorneys and other agents of the Receivership Defendants and Receivership Relief Defendants are hereby dismissed and the powers of any general partners, directors and/or managers are hereby suspended. Such persons and entities shall have no authority with respect to the Receivership Defendants' or Receivership Relief Defendants' operations or assets, except to the extent as may hereafter be expressly granted by the Receiver. The Receiver shall assume and control the operation of the Entity Receivership Defendants and the Entity Relief Defendants and shall pursue and preserve all of their claims.
- 3. No person holding or claiming any position of any sort with any of the Receivership Defendants or Receivership Relief Defendants shall possess any authority to act by or on behalf of any of the Receivership Defendants or and Receivership Relief Defendants.
- 4. Subject to the specific provisions in Sections III through XIV, below, the Receiver shall have the following general powers and duties:

- A. To use reasonable efforts to determine the nature, location and value of all property interests of the Receivership Defendants and of the Receivership Relief Defendants Recoverable Assets, including, but not limited to, monies, funds, securities, credits, effects, goods, chattels, lands, premises, leases, claims, rights and other assets, together with all rents, profits, dividends, interest or other income attributable thereto, of whatever kind, which the Receivership Defendants and Receivership Relief Defendants own, possess, have a beneficial interest in, or control directly or indirectly ("Receivership Property" or, collectively, the "Receivership Estate");
- B. To take custody, control and possession of all Receivership Property and records relevant thereto from the Receivership Defendants and Receivership Relief Defendants; to sue for and collect, recover, receive and take into possession from third parties all Receivership Property and records relevant thereto;
- C. To manage, control, operate and maintain the Receivership Estate and hold in his possession, custody and control all Receivership Property, pending further Order of this Court;
- D. To use Receivership Property for the benefit of the Receivership Estate, making payments and disbursements and incurring expenses as may be necessary or advisable in the ordinary course of business in discharging its duties as Receiver;
- E. To take any action which, prior to the entry of this Order, could have been taken by the officers, directors, partners, managers, trustees and agents of the Receivership Defendants and Receivership Relief Defendants;
- F. To engage and employ persons in his discretion to assist him in carrying out his duties and responsibilities hereunder, including, but not limited to, accountants, attorneys, securities traders, registered representatives, financial or business advisers, liquidating agents, real estate agents, forensic experts, brokers, traders or auctioneers;
- G. To take such action as necessary and appropriate for the preservation of Receivership Property or to prevent the dissipation or concealment of Receivership Property;
- H. The Receiver is authorized to issue subpoenas for documents and testimony consistent with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure;

- I. To bring such legal actions based on law or equity in any state, federal, or foreign court as the Receiver deems necessary or appropriate in discharging his duties as Receiver;
- J. To pursue, resist and defend all suits, actions, claims and demands which may now be pending or which may be brought by or asserted against the Receivership Property or the Receivership Estate; and,
- K. To take such other action as may be approved by this Court.

II. Access to Information

- 5. The Receivership Defendants and Receivership Relief Defendants and the past and/or present officers, directors, agents, managers, general and limited partners, trustees, attorneys, accountants and employees of the Entity Receivership Defendants and the Entity Receivership Relief Defendants, as well as those acting in their place, are hereby ordered and directed to preserve and turn over to the Receiver forthwith all paper and electronic information of, and/or relating to, the Receivership Defendants, Receivership Relief Defendants, and/or all Receivership Property; such information shall include but not be limited to books, records, documents, accounts and all other instruments and papers.
- 6. Within ten (10) days of the entry of this Order, the Receivership Defendants and Receivership Relief Defendants shall file with the Court and serve upon the Receiver and the Commission a sworn statement, listing: (a) the identity, location and estimated value of all Receivership Property; (b) all employees (and job titles thereof), other personnel, attorneys, accountants and any other agents or contractors of the Receivership Defendants and Receivership Relief Defendants; and, (c) the names, addresses and amounts of claims of all known creditors of the Receivership Defendants and Receivership Relief Defendants. These filings may supplement and need not duplicate the accountings provided by Receivership Defendants and the

Receivership Relief Defendants in response to the September 13, 2019, Order Granting Plaintiff's Motion for an Ex Parte Asset Freeze, Temporary Restraining Order, Order to Show Cause, and other Emergency Relief (ECF No. 10). (See ECF No. 28.)

- 7. Within thirty (30) days of the entry of this Order, the Receivership Defendants and Receivership Relief Defendants shall file with the Court and serve upon the Receiver and the Commission a sworn statement and accounting, with complete documentation, covering the period from January 1, 2017 to the present:
 - A. Of all Receivership Property, wherever located, held by or in the name of the Receivership Defendants or Receivership Relief Defendants, or in which any of them, directly or indirectly, has or had any beneficial interest, or over which any of them maintained or maintains and/or exercised or exercises control, including, but not limited to: (a) all securities, investments, funds, real estate, automobiles, jewelry and other assets, stating the location of each; and (b) any and all accounts, including all funds held in such accounts, with any bank, brokerage or other financial institution held by, in the name of, or for the benefit of any of them, directly or indirectly, or over which any of them maintained or maintains and/or exercised or exercises any direct or indirect control, or in which any of them had or has a direct or indirect beneficial interest, including the account statements from each bank, brokerage or other financial institution;
 - B. Identifying every account at every bank, brokerage or other financial institution: (a) over which Receivership Defendants or Receivership Relief Defendants have signatory authority; and (b) opened by, in the name of, or for the benefit of, or used by, the Receivership Defendants or Receivership Relief Defendants;
 - C. Identifying all credit, bank, charge, debit or other deferred payment card issued to or used by each Receivership Defendant and Receivership Relief Defendant, including but not limited to the issuing institution, the card or account number(s), all persons or entities to which a card was issued and/or with authority to use a card, the balance of each account and/or card as of the most recent billing statement, and all statements for the last twelve months;

- D. Of all assets received by any of them from any person or entity, including the value, location, and disposition of any assets so received;
- E. Of all funds received by the Receivership Defendants and Receivership Relief Defendants, and each of them, in any way related, directly or indirectly, to the conduct alleged in the Commission's Complaint. The submission must clearly identify, among other things, all investors, the securities they purchased, the date and amount of their investments, and the current location of such funds;
- G. Of all expenditures exceeding \$1,000 made by any of them, including those made on their behalf by any person or entity; and
- H. Of all transfers of assets made by any of them.
- 8. Within thirty (30) days of the entry of this Order, the Receivership Defendants and Receivership Relief Defendants shall provide to the Receiver and the Commission copies of the Receivership Defendants' and Receivership Relief Defendants' federal income tax returns for 2016-2019, with all relevant and necessary underlying documentation.
- 9. The Individual Receivership Defendants and individual Receivership Relief
 Defendants, and the Entity Receivership Defendants' and Entity Receivership Relief Defendants'
 past and/or present officers, directors, agents, attorneys, managers, shareholders, employees,
 accountants, debtors, creditors, managers and general and limited partners, and other appropriate
 persons or entities shall answer under oath to the Receiver all questions which the Receiver may
 put to them and produce all documents as required by the Receiver regarding the business of the
 Receivership Defendants and Receivership Relief Defendants, or any other matter relevant to the
 operation or administration of the receivership or the collection of funds due to the Receivership
 Defendants and Receivership Relief Defendants. In the event that the Receiver deems it
 necessary to require the appearance of the aforementioned persons or entities, the Receiver shall
 make its discovery requests in accordance with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

- 10. The Receiver has the authority to issue subpoenas to compel testimony of persons or production of records, consistent with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and applicable Local Rules, except for the provisions of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(d)(1), concerning any subject matter within the powers and duties granted by this Order.
- 11. The Receivership Defendants and Receivership Relief Defendants are required to assist the Receiver in fulfilling his duties and obligations. As such, they must respond promptly and truthfully to all requests for information and documents from the Receiver.

III. Access to Books, Records and Accounts

- 12. The Receiver is authorized to take immediate possession of all assets, bank accounts or other financial accounts, books and records and all other documents or instruments relating to the Receivership Defendants and Receivership Relief Defendants not specifically excluded from this Order (*see* ECF Nos. 101, 103). All persons and entities having control, custody or possession of any Receivership Property are hereby directed to turn such property over to the Receiver.
- 13. The Receivership Defendants and Receivership Relief Defendants, as well as their agents, servants, employees, attorneys, any persons acting for or on behalf of the Receivership Defendants and Receivership Relief Defendants, and any persons receiving notice of this Order by personal service, facsimile transmission or otherwise, having possession of the property, business, books, records, accounts or assets of the Receivership Defendants and Receivership Relief Defendants are hereby directed to deliver the same to the Receiver, his agents and/or employees.
 - 14. All banks, brokerage firms, financial institutions, and other persons or entities

which have possession, custody or control of any assets or funds held by, in the name of, or for the benefit of, directly or indirectly, and of the Receivership Defendants or Receivership Relief Defendants that receive actual notice of this Order by personal service, facsimile transmission or otherwise shall:

- A. Not liquidate, transfer, sell, convey or otherwise transfer any assets, securities, funds, or accounts in the name of or for the benefit of the Receivership Defendants and Receivership Relief Defendants except upon instructions from the Receiver;
- B. Not exercise any form of set-off, alleged set-off, lien, or any form of self-help whatsoever, or refuse to transfer any funds or assets to the Receiver's control without the permission of this Court;
- C. Within five (5) business days of receipt of that notice, file with the Court and serve on the Receiver and counsel for the Commission a certified statement setting forth, with respect to each such account or other asset, the balance in the account or description of the assets as of the close of business on the date of receipt of the notice; and,
- D. Cooperate expeditiously in providing information and transferring funds, assets and accounts to the Receiver or at the direction of the Receiver.

IV. Access to Real and Personal Property

15. The Receiver is authorized to take immediate possession of all personal property of the Receivership Defendants and of the Relief Defendants, to the extent such personal property is a Recoverable Asset, wherever located, including but not limited to electronically stored information, computers, laptops, hard drives, external storage drives, and any other such memory, media or electronic storage devices, books, papers, data processing records, evidence of indebtedness, bank records and accounts, savings records and accounts, brokerage records and accounts, certificates of deposit, stocks, bonds, debentures, and other securities and investments, contracts, mortgages, furniture, office supplies and equipment.

- 16. The Receiver is authorized to take immediate possession of all real property of the Receivership Defendants and of the Receivership Relief Defendants to the extent such real property is a Recoverable Asset, wherever located, including but not limited to all ownership and leasehold interests and fixtures. Notwithstanding this authority, the Receiver shall not take any actions to dispossess Defendants of their primary residences (Michael Young: 5406 S. Cottonwood Ct., Greenwood Village, CO; Michael Stewart: 8082 E. Arroyo Hondo Rd., Scottsdale, AZ; Bryant Sewall: apartment in Ukraine) until at least ninety (90) days after entry of this order and after obtaining approval from the Court. Upon receiving actual notice of this Order by personal service, facsimile transmission or otherwise, all persons other than law enforcement officials acting within the course and scope of their official duties, are (without the express written permission of the Receiver) prohibited from: (a) entering such premises; (b) removing anything from such premises; or, (c) destroying, concealing or erasing anything on such premises.
- 17. Upon the request of the Receiver, the United States Marshal Service, in any judicial district, is hereby ordered to assist the Receiver in carrying out his duties to take possession, custody and control of, or identify the location of, any assets, records or other materials consisting of Receivership Property and belonging to the Receivership Estate.

V. Notice to Third Parties

18. The Receiver shall promptly give notice of his appointment to all known officers, directors, agents, employees, shareholders, creditors, debtors, managers and general and limited partners of the Receivership Defendants and Receivership Relief Defendants, as the Receiver deems necessary or advisable to effectuate the operation of the receivership.

- 19. All persons and entities owing any obligation, debt, or distribution with respect to an ownership interest to any Receivership Defendant or Receivership Relief Defendant shall, until further ordered by this Court, pay all such obligations in accordance with the terms thereof to the Receiver and its receipt for such payments shall have the same force and effect as if the Receivership Defendant or Receivership Relief Defendant had received such payment.
- 20. In furtherance of his responsibilities in this matter, the Receiver is authorized to communicate with, and/or serve this Order upon, any person, entity or government office that he deems appropriate to inform them of the status of this matter and/or the financial condition of the Receivership Estates. All government offices which maintain public files of security interests in real and personal property shall, consistent with such office's applicable procedures, record this Order upon the request of the Receiver or the Commission.

VI. Injunction against Interference with Receiver

- 21. The Receivership Defendants and Receivership Relief Defendants and all persons receiving notice of this Order by personal service, facsimile or otherwise, are hereby restrained and enjoined from directly or indirectly taking any action or causing any action to be taken, without the express written agreement of the Receiver, which would:
 - A. Interfere with the Receiver's efforts to take control, possession, or management of any Receivership Property; such prohibited actions include but are not limited to, using self-help or executing or issuing or causing the execution or issuance of any court attachment, subpoena, replevin, execution, or other process for the purpose of impounding or taking possession of or interfering with or creating or enforcing a lien upon any Receivership Property;
 - B. Hinder, obstruct or otherwise interfere with the Receiver in the performance of his duties; such prohibited actions include but are not limited to, concealing, destroying or altering records or information;

- C. Dissipate or otherwise diminish the value of any Receivership Property; such prohibited actions include but are not limited to, releasing claims or disposing, transferring, exchanging, assigning or in any way conveying any Receivership Property, enforcing judgments, assessments or claims against any Receivership Property or any Receivership Defendant or Receivership Relief Defendant, attempting to modify, cancel, terminate, call, extinguish, revoke or accelerate (the due date), of any lease, loan, mortgage, indebtedness, security agreement or other agreement executed by any Receivership Defendant or and Receivership Relief Defendant or which otherwise affects any Receivership Property; or,
- D. Interfere with or harass the Receiver, or interfere in any manner with the exclusive jurisdiction of this Court over the Receivership Property or the Receivership Estate.
- 22. The Receivership Defendants and Receivership Relief Defendants shall cooperate with and assist the Receiver in the performance of his duties.
- 23. The Receiver shall promptly notify the Court and Commission counsel of any failure or apparent failure of any person or entity to comply in any way with the terms of this Order.

VII. Stay of Litigation

24. As set forth in detail below, the following proceedings, excluding the instant proceeding and all police or regulatory actions and actions of the Commission related to the above-captioned enforcement action, are stayed until further Order of this Court:

All civil legal proceedings of any nature, including, but not limited to, bankruptcy proceedings, arbitration proceedings, foreclosure actions, default proceedings, or other actions of any nature involving: (a) the Receiver, in his capacity as Receiver; (b) any Receivership Property, wherever located; (c) any of the Receivership Defendants and Receivership Relief Defendants, including subsidiaries and partnerships; or, (d) any of the Receivership Defendants' and Receivership Relief Defendants' past or present officers, directors, managers, agents, or general or limited partners sued for, or in connection with, any action taken by them while acting in such capacity of any nature, whether as plaintiff, defendant, third-party plaintiff, third-party defendant, or otherwise (such proceedings are hereinafter referred to as "Ancillary Proceedings").

- 25. The parties to any and all Ancillary Proceedings are enjoined from commencing or continuing any such legal proceeding, or from taking any action, in connection with any such proceeding, including, but not limited to, the issuance or employment of process.
- 26. All Ancillary Proceedings are stayed in their entirety, and all Courts having any jurisdiction thereof are enjoined from taking or permitting any action until further Order of this Court. Further, as to a cause of action accrued or accruing in favor of one or more of the Receivership Defendants or Receivership Relief Defendants against a third person or party, any applicable statute of limitation is tolled during the period in which this injunction against commencement of legal proceedings is in effect as to that cause of action.

VIII. Managing Assets

- 27. The Receiver shall establish one or more custodial accounts at a federally insured bank to receive and hold all cash equivalent Receivership Property (the "Receivership Funds").
- 28. The Receiver's deposit account shall include in its account name the words "Receiver's Account" together with the name of this litigation.
- 29. The Receiver may, without further Order of this Court, transfer, compromise, or otherwise dispose of any Receivership Property, other than real estate on terms and in the manner the Receiver deems most beneficial to the Receivership Estate, and with due regard to the true and proper value of such Receivership Property.
- 30. Subject to Paragraph 32, immediately below, the Receiver is authorized to locate, list for sale or lease, engage a broker for sale or lease, cause the sale or lease, and take all necessary and reasonable actions to cause the sale or lease of all real property in the Receivership Estate, either at public or private sale, on terms and in the manner the Receiver deems most

beneficial to the Receivership Estate, and with due regard to the true and proper value of such real property.

- 31. Upon further Order of this Court, pursuant to such procedures as may be required by this Court and additional authority such as 28 U.S.C. §§ 2001 and 2004, the Receiver will be authorized to sell, and transfer clear title to, all real property in the Receivership Estate.
- 32. The Receiver is authorized to take all actions to manage, maintain, and/or wind-down business operations of the Receivership Estate, including making legally required payments to creditors, employees, and agents of the Receivership Estate and communicating with vendors, investors, governmental and regulatory authorities, and others, as appropriate.
- obtain and maintain the status of a taxable "Settlement Fund," within the meaning of Section 468B of the Internal Revenue Code and of the regulations, when applicable. The Receiver shall be designated the administrator of the Settlement Fund, pursuant to Treas. Reg. § 1.468B-2(k)(3)(i), and shall satisfy the administrative requirements imposed by Treas. Reg. § 1.468B-2, including but not limited to (a) obtaining a taxpayer identification number, (b) timely filing applicable federal, state, and local tax returns and paying taxes reported thereon, and (c) satisfying any information, reporting or withholding requirements imposed on distributions from the Settlement Fund. The Receiver shall cause the Settlement Fund to pay taxes in a manner consistent with treatment of the Settlement Fund as a "Qualified Settlement Fund." The Receivership Defendants shall cooperate with the Receiver in fulfilling the Settlement Funds' obligations under Treas. Reg. § 1.468B-2.

IX. Investigate and Prosecute Claims

- 34. Subject to the requirement, in Section VIII above, that leave of this Court is required to resume or commence certain litigation, the Receiver is authorized, empowered and directed to investigate, prosecute, defend, intervene in or otherwise participate in, compromise, and/or adjust actions in any state, federal or foreign court or proceeding of any kind as may in his discretion, and in consultation with Commission counsel, be advisable or proper to recover and/or conserve Receivership Property.
- 35. The receiver has a continuing duty to ensure that there are no conflicts of interest between the Receiver, his Retained Personnel (as that term is defined below), and the Receivership Estate.

X. Liability of Receiver

- 36. Until further Order of this Court, the Receiver shall not be required to post bond or give an undertaking of any type in connection with his fiduciary obligations in this matter.
- 37. The Receiver and his agents, acting within the scope of such agency ("Retained Personnel") are entitled to rely on all outstanding rules of law and Orders of this Court and shall not be liable to anyone for their own good faith compliance with any order, rule, law, judgment, or decree. In no event shall the Receiver or Retained Personnel be liable to anyone for their good faith compliance with their duties and responsibilities as Receiver or Retained Personnel.
- 38. This Court shall retain jurisdiction over any action filed against the Receiver or Retained Personnel based upon acts or omissions committed in their representative capacities.
- 39. In the event the Receiver decides to resign, the Receiver shall first give written notice to the Commission's counsel of record and the Court of its intention, and the resignation

shall not be effective until the Court appoints a successor. The Receiver shall then follow such instructions as the Court may provide.

XI. Recommendations and Reports

- 40. Within thirty (30) days after the end of each calendar quarter, the Receiver shall file and serve a full report and accounting of the Receivership Estate (the "Quarterly Status Report"), reflecting (to the best of the Receiver's knowledge as of the period covered by the report) the existence, value, and location of all Receivership Property, and of the extent of liabilities, both those claimed to exist by others and those the Receiver believes to be legal obligations of the Receivership Estate.
 - 41. The Quarterly Status Report shall contain the following:
 - A. A summary of the operations of the Receiver;
 - B. The amount of cash on hand, the amount and nature of accrued administrative expenses, and the amount of unencumbered funds in the estate;
 - C. A schedule of all the Receiver's receipts and disbursements (attached as Exhibit A to the Quarterly Status Report), with one column for the quarterly period covered and a second column for the entire duration of the receivership;
 - D. A description of all known Receivership Property, including approximate or actual valuations, anticipated or proposed dispositions, and reasons for retaining assets where no disposition is intended;
 - E. A description of liquidated and unliquidated claims held by the Receivership Estate, including the need for forensic and/or investigatory resources; approximate valuations of claims; and anticipated or proposed methods of enforcing such claims (including likelihood of success in:

 (i) reducing the claims to judgment; and, (ii) collecting such judgments);
 - F. A list of all known creditors with their addresses and the amounts of their claims; and,

G. The Receiver's recommendations for a continuation or discontinuation of the receivership and the reasons for the recommendations.

XII. Fees, Expenses, and Accountings

- 42. Subject to Paragraphs 43-49 immediately below, the Receiver need not obtain Court approval prior to the disbursement of Receivership Funds for expenses in the ordinary course of the administration and operation of the receivership. Further, prior Court approval is not required for payments of applicable federal, state or local taxes.
- 43. Subject to Paragraph 44 immediately below, the Receiver is authorized to solicit persons and entities ("Retained Personnel") to assist him in carrying out the duties and responsibilities described in this Order. The Receiver shall not engage any Retained Personnel without first advising the Commission, and will not engage any outside lawyers or law firms without first obtaining an Order of the Court authorizing such engagement.
- 44. The Receiver and Retained Personnel are entitled to reasonable compensation and expense reimbursement from the Receivership Estates as described in the "Billing Instructions for Receivers in Civil Actions Commenced by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission" (the "Billing Instructions") agreed to by the Receiver. Such compensation shall require the prior approval of the Court.
- 45. Within seventy-five (75) days after the end of each calendar quarter, the Receiver shall apply to the Court for compensation and expense reimbursement from the Receivership Funds (the "Quarterly Fee Applications"). At least thirty (30) days prior to filing each Quarterly Fee Application with the Court, the Receiver will serve upon counsel for the Commission a complete copy of the proposed Application, together with all exhibits and relevant billing information in a format to be provided by Commission staff.

46. All Quarterly Fee Applications will be interim and will be subject to cost benefit and final reviews at the close of the receivership. At the close of the receivership, the Receiver will file a final fee application, describing in detail the costs and benefits associated with all litigation and other actions pursued by the Receiver during the course of the receivership.

47. Quarterly Fee Applications may be subject to a holdback in the amount of 20% of the amount of fees and expenses for each application filed with the Court. The total amounts held back during the course of the receivership will be paid out at the discretion of the Court as part of the final fee application submitted at the close of the receivership.

48. Each Quarterly Fee Application shall:

A. Comply with the terms of the Billing Instructions agreed to by the Receiver; and,

B. Contain representations (in addition to the Certification required by the Billing Instructions) that: (i) the fees and expenses included therein were incurred in the best interests of the Receivership Estate; and, (ii) with the exception of the Billing Instructions, the Receiver has not entered into any agreement, written or oral, express or implied, with any person or entity concerning the amount of compensation paid or to be paid from the Receivership Estate, or any sharing thereof.

49. At the close of the Receivership, the Receiver shall submit a Final Accounting, in a format to be provided by SEC staff, as well as the Receiver's final application for compensation and expense reimbursement.

IT IS SO ORDERED, this 11th day of September, 2020

BY THE COURT:

RAYMOND P. MOORE United States District Judge