

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
Before the  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS RULINGS  
Release No. 1365/April 8, 2014

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING  
File No. 3-15751

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In the Matter of :  
: STAY ORDER  
MATTHEW SCOTT MENIES :  
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The Securities and Exchange Commission (Commission) issued an Order Instituting Proceedings on February 12, 2014, pursuant to Section 15(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. A telephonic prehearing conference is currently scheduled for Monday, April 14, 2014.

Today, the parties filed a Joint Motion for Stay of Proceedings for Commission Consideration of Offer of Settlement (Joint Motion), which requests that this proceeding be stayed under Commission Rule of Practice (Rule) 161(c)(2). The Joint Motion represents that Respondent Matthew Scott Menies (Menies) is prepared to settle this proceeding and executed an offer of settlement, and that the Division of Enforcement is prepared to recommend that the Commission accept Menies' offer. Based on the Joint Motion's representations, I find that the parties have agreed in principle to a settlement on all major terms. See 17 C.F.R. § 201.161(c)(2).

The Joint Motion is GRANTED and this proceeding is STAYED, subject to compliance with Rule 161(c)(2), requiring that I be promptly notified if any of the requirements of Rule 161(c)(2) are not met, at which time the stay would lapse. See 17 C.F.R. § 201.161(c)(2). The April 14, 2014, prehearing conference is CANCELED.

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Cameron Elliot  
Administrative Law Judge