

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

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS RULINGS
Release No. 2362/February 26, 2015

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING
File No. 3-16369

In the Matter of

ARETE LTD.

ORDER FOLLOWING
PREHEARING CONFERENCE

The Securities and Exchange Commission issued an Order Instituting Administrative and Cease-and-Desist Proceedings (OIP) on February 4, 2015. On February 12, 2015, I postponed the hearing scheduled for February 17, 2015, and ordered a telephonic prehearing conference on February 26, 2015. *Arete Ltd.*, Admin. Proc. Rulings Release No. 2308, 2015 SEC LEXIS 508. On February 25, 2015, the Division of Enforcement (Division) filed a Notice that on February 11, 2015, it effected service on Arete Ltd.'s (Arete) registered agent, WyomingRegisteredAgent.com, Inc., at 1621 Central Ave., Cheyenne, Wyoming, 82001. Notice of Service, Ex. 1. Arete's answer to the OIP is due March 3, 2015.

The Division appeared, but Arete did not, at the prehearing conference on February 26, 2015. In the instance of a default by Arete, the Division shall file a motion for summary disposition by March 18, 2015, including any requests for relief. 17 C.F.R. § 201.250.

Brenda P. Murray
Chief Administrative Law Judge