

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

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DISTRICT OF MASS.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,

v.

RICHARD J. BRIDEN,
EMPOWERMENT FUNDING GROUP, LLC and
INFOPRO GROUP, LTD.,

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 99-11009-RCL

**FINAL JUDGMENT OF
PERMANENT INJUNCTION AND OTHER RELIEF**

Defendants Richard J. Briden ("Briden"), Empowerment Funding Group, LLC ("EmFund"), and InfoPRO Group, Ltd. ("InfoPRO") having: (i) executed a Consent to Final Judgment of Permanent Injunction, Disgorgement and Other Relief which is attached hereto and hereby incorporated by reference; (ii) entered a general appearance; (iii) consented to the Court's jurisdiction over themselves and over the subject matter of this action; (iv) consented to entry of this Final Judgment of Permanent Injunction, Disgorgement and Other Relief ("Final Judgment") without admitting or denying the allegations of the Complaint; (v) waived findings of fact and conclusions of law; and (vi) waived any right to appeal from this Final Judgment and any basis for objecting to enforcement of the Final Judgment:

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I.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that Briden, EmFund and InfoPRO, their agents, servants, employees, attorneys, successors or assigns, and those persons in active concert or participation with them who receive actual notice of this Final Judgment, are permanently restrained and enjoined from violating Section 17(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 (“Securities Act”) [15 U.S.C. §77q(a)] by, directly or indirectly, in the offer or sale of any security by the use of any means or instruments of transportation or communication in interstate commerce or by the use of the mails: (a) employing any device, scheme or artifice to defraud; (b) obtaining money or property by means of any untrue statement of a material fact or any omission to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements made, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; or (c) engaging in any transaction, practice, or course of business which operates or would operate as a fraud or deceit upon the purchaser of such security.

II.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that Briden, EmFund and InfoPRO, their agents, servants, employees, attorneys, successors or assigns, and those persons in active concert or participation with them who receive actual notice of this Final Judgment, are permanently restrained and enjoined from violating Section 10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Exchange Act”) [15 U.S.C. §78j(b)] and Rule 10b-5 thereunder [17 C.F.R. §240.10b-5] by, directly or indirectly, by the use of any means or instrumentality of interstate commerce or of the mails or of any facility of any national securities exchange, in

connection with the purchase or sale of any security: (a) employing any device, scheme, or artifice to defraud; (b) making any untrue statement of a material fact or omitting to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements made, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; or (c) engaging in any act, practice, or course of business which operates or would operate as a fraud or deceit upon any person.

III.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that Briden, EmFund and InfoPRO, their agents, servants, employees, attorneys, successors or assigns, and those persons in active concert or participation with them who receive actual notice of this Final Judgment, are permanently restrained and enjoined from violating Section 15(a) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. §78o(a)] by making use of the mails or any means or instrumentality of interstate commerce to effect any transactions in, or to induce or attempt to induce the purchase or sale of, any security (other than an exempted security or commercial paper, bankers' acceptances, or commercial bills) unless it is registered as a broker or dealer in accordance with Section 15(b) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. §78o(b)].

IV.

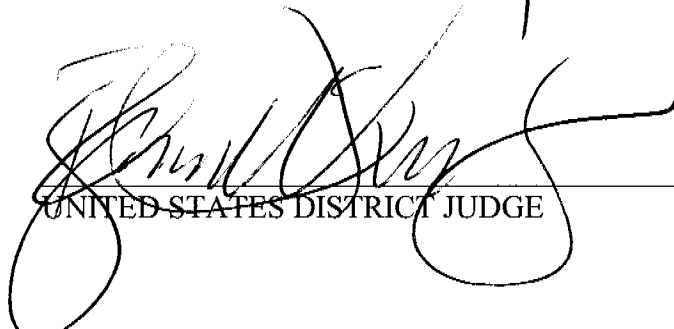
IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that, based upon their demonstrated inability to pay, as shown by Briden's sworn representations in his Statement of Financial Condition dated October 31, 2002 furnished to the Commission, the Court is not directing Briden, EmFund and InfoPRO to pay a civil monetary penalty pursuant to Section 20(d) of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. §77t(d)] and Section 21(d)(3) of the Exchange Act

[15 U.S.C. §78u(d)(3)]. However, if it shall appear that such Statement of Financial Condition was false or incomplete in any material respect when made, Briden, EmFund and InfoPRO shall, on application by the Commission, be ordered to pay a penalty in an amount to be determined by the Court.

V.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that this Court shall retain jurisdiction over Briden, EmFund and InfoPRO as parties to this matter for all purposes, including the implementation and enforcement of this Final Judgment.

SO ORDERED at Boston, Massachusetts, this 21st day of January, 2003.


UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE