

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Before the
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

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ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING

File No. 3-16553

In the Matter of

Erick Laszlo Mathe,

Respondent.

**ORDER INSTITUTING
ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS
PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(b) OF
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE
ACT OF 1934 AND NOTICE OF
HEARING**

I.

The Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) deems it appropriate and in the public interest that public administrative proceedings be, and hereby are, instituted pursuant to Section 15(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Exchange Act”) against Erick Laszlo Mathe (“Respondent”).

II.

After an investigation, the Division of Enforcement alleges that:

A. RESPONDENT

1. Respondent, age 43, resides in Islamorada, Florida. From no later than August 2007 through February 2010, Respondent was the chief executive officer and largest shareholder of Vision Broadcast Network, Inc. (“VBN”), a purported early-stage, operational start-up television network and production company. During that time period, Respondent actively solicited investments in VBN and raised approximately \$5.7 million from at least 100 investors nationwide through the unregistered sale of VBN’s common stock and convertible debentures. Respondent targeted a wide range of individuals such as neighbors, friends, doctors he met at medical conferences, and others to whom existing investors referred him. The solicitation took place over the telephone, by mail, and in person, including at medical conferences where some investors traveled to meet Respondent. He also provided investors various VBN offering documents; praised the merits of investing in VBN, including valuations of the company and its business operations; and paid himself undisclosed commissions on the funds he raised.

Respondent has never been registered with the Commission or associated with a registered broker-dealer.

B. ENTRY OF THE INJUNCTION

2. On January 8, 2015, a judgment by default was entered against Respondent in the civil action entitled *Securities and Exchange Commission v. Erick Laszlo Mathe et al.*, Civil Action Number 14-cv-23573-GAYLES/TURNOFF, in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida, which, among other things, permanently enjoined Respondent from future violations of Sections 5(a), 5(c) and 17(a) of the Securities Act of 1933, 15 U.S.C. §§ 77e(a), 77e(c), 77q(a); and Sections 10(b) and 15(a)(1) and Rule 10b-5 of the Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 78j(b) and 78o(a)(1) and 17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5.

3. The Commission's complaint alleged that from no later than August 2007 through February 2010, in connection with the unregistered offer, purchase and sale of securities in VBN, Respondent misrepresented nearly all aspects of the company's purported assets and operations. Specifically, Respondent made material misstatements and omissions to investors about, among other things, VBN's ownership and operation of low-power television stations and ownership of broadcast licenses to operate additional low-power television stations estimated to be worth hundreds of millions of dollars. Respondent also misrepresented VBN's revenues, the use of investor proceeds, the payment of commissions, and commitments from institutional investors. Additionally, Respondent engaged in fraud involving improper payments by VBN to related companies in which Respondent had an ownership interest. Over a two-year period, VBN paid these companies hundreds of thousands of dollars in fees for purported professional and consulting services they did not provide to VBN. VBN also paid Respondent's personal expenses unrelated to the company's business.

III.

In view of the allegations made by the Division of Enforcement, the Commission deems it necessary and appropriate in the public interest that public administrative proceedings be instituted to determine:

A. Whether the allegations set forth in Section II hereof are true and, in connection therewith, to afford Respondent an opportunity to establish any defenses to such allegations; and

B. What, if any, remedial action is appropriate in the public interest against Respondent pursuant to Section 15(b) of the Exchange Act.

IV.

IT IS ORDERED that a public hearing for the purpose of taking evidence on the questions set forth in Section III hereof shall be convened at a time and place to be fixed, and before an Administrative Law Judge to be designated by further order as provided by Rule 110 of the Commission's Rules of Practice, 17 C.F.R. § 201.110.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Respondent shall file an Answer to the allegations contained in this Order within twenty (20) days after service of this Order, as provided by Rule 220 of the Commission's Rules of Practice, 17 C.F.R. § 201.220.

If Respondent fails to file the directed answer, or fails to appear at a hearing after being duly notified, Respondent may be deemed in default and the proceedings may be determined against him upon consideration of this Order, the allegations of which may be deemed to be true as provided by Rules 155(a), 220(f), 221(f) and 310 of the Commission's Rules of Practice, 17 C.F.R. §§ 201.155(a), 201.220(f), 201.221(f) and 201.310.

This Order shall be served forthwith upon Respondent as provided for in the Commission's Rules of Practice.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Administrative Law Judge shall issue an initial decision no later than 210 days from the date of service of this Order, pursuant to Rule 360(a)(2) of the Commission's Rules of Practice.

In the absence of an appropriate waiver, no officer or employee of the Commission engaged in the performance of investigative or prosecuting functions in this or any factually related proceeding will be permitted to participate or advise in the decision of this matter, except as witness or counsel in proceedings held pursuant to notice. Since this proceeding is not "rule making" within the meaning of Section 551 of the Administrative Procedure Act, it is not deemed subject to the provisions of Section 553 delaying the effective date of any final Commission action.

For the Commission, by its Secretary, pursuant to delegated authority.

Brent J. Fields
Secretary