IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS DALLAS DIVISION

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION,	:
Plaintiff,	: Civil Action No.:
v.	: :
BRUCE A. HVIDSTEN and DONNA JANITZ, HVIDSTEN,	: :
Defendants.	:

COMPLAINT

Plaintiff Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") alleges:

SUMMARY OF ALLEGATIONS

- 1. The Commission charges Defendants Bruce Hvidsten and Donna Hvidsten with committing securities fraud by engaging in illegal insider trading in the stock of Donna Hvidsten's employer, Brinker International Corp. ("Brinker"). Despite her employer's ban on the communication of confidential company information to persons not employed by Brinker, Donna Hvidsten tipped Bruce Hvidsten, her husband, that Brinker's second quarter earnings would exceed analysts' estimates. Thereafter, Mr. Hvidsten purchased Brinker calls on nine (9) separate occasions and also purchased Brinker stock on two (2) separate occasions, all prior to the public announcement that Brinker's second quarter earnings would exceed analysts' estimates. By purchasing Brinker calls and stocks, Bruce and Donna Hvidsten profited in excess of \$20,000.
- 2. By conduct detailed in this Complaint, Bruce and Donna Hvidsten violated

 Section 10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act") [15 U.S.C. § 78j(b)] and

Exchange Act Rule 10b-5 [17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5]. Unless enjoined, Bruce and Donna Hvidsten are likely to commit such violations again in the future.

3. The Commission seeks a judgment from the Court: (a) enjoining Bruce and Donna Hvidsten from engaging in future violations of the antifraud provisions of the federal securities laws; (b) ordering Bruce and Donna Hvidsten to disgorge, with prejudgment interest, the losses avoided as a result of the actions described herein; and (c) ordering Bruce and Donna Hvidsten to pay a civil money penalty under Section 21A of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78u-1].

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 4. The Commission brings this action under Section 21(d) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78u(d)].
- 5. The Court has jurisdiction over this action under Sections 21(d), 21(e), 21A, and 27 of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. §§ 78u(d), 78u(e), 78u-1, and 78aa].
- 6. Bruce and Donna Hvidsten, directly or indirectly, used the means or instruments of interstate commerce, the mails, or the facilities of a national securities exchange in connection with the acts described herein.
- 7. Venue is proper because certain of the transactions, acts, practices, and courses of business occurred within this judicial district.

DEFENDANTS

- 8. Bruce Hvidsten, 41, resides in Dallas, Texas. He is a former employee of Brinker. Currently, he is the CFO of a privately-held company.
 - 9. Donna Hvidsten resides in Dallas, Texas and is married to Bruce Hvidsten. She is

the manager of Planning and Analysis for Brinker.

OTHER RELEVANT ENTITIES

10. Brinker International Corp. is based in Dallas, Texas. It is quoted on the NASDAQ under the symbol EAT.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

- 11. On November, 13, 2009, Brinker first became aware of the possibility that its earnings would be \$0.27 a share, a number that exceeded analysts' estimates. Donna Hvidsten, as manager of planning and analysis, drafted a forecast update containing this information and distributed it to various employees of Brinker on that same date.
- 12. Subsequently, on December 14, 2009, Donna Hvidsten prepared another forecast update containing similar information and distributed it to various Brinker employees. Donna Hvidsten also participated in the preparation of a quarterly consolidated income statement which included this same information and which was distributed on January 7, 2010.
 - 13. Donna Hvidsten tipped her husband by providing him with this information.
- 14. Subsequently, Bruce Hvidsten purchased 85 Brinker call contracts on various dates including the 5th, 8th, 9th, 16th, and 17th of January, 2010. Further, Bruce Hvidsten purchased 4,100 shares of Brinker stock on January 10, 2010 and purchased an additional 1,500 shares of Brinker stock on January 19, 2010.
- 15. On January 19, 2010, Brinker's shares closed at \$15.31 per share on volume of 3,489,804.
- 16. On the morning of January 20, 2010, Brinker's shares closed at \$17.26 per share, an increase of \$1.94 per share, or approximately 12.7 percent. The volume was 12,477,736,

representing a 257.5 % increase from the previous day's close.

- 17. Based on their illegal insider trading, Bruce and Donna Hvidsten profited \$20,583.64.
- 18. As a result of the conduct described herein, Bruce and Donna Hvidsten violated Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act and Exchange Act Rule 10b-5.

FIRST CLAIM

INSIDER TRADING IN CONNECTION WITH THE PURCHASE OR SALE OF SECURITIES

Violations of Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act and Rule 10b-5 Thereunder

- 19. The Commission realleges and reincorporates paragraphs 1 through 18 as if fully set forth herein.
- 20. Bruce and Donna Hvidsten, with scienter and by use of the means or instrumentalities of interstate commerce or of the mails, in connection with the purchase or sale of securities: (a) employed devices, schemes, or artifices to defraud; (b) made untrue statements of material fact or omissions to state material facts necessary in order to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; and/or (c) engaged in acts, practices or courses of business which operated or would operate as a fraud or deceit.
- 21. By reason of the actions alleged herein, Bruce and Donna Hvidsten violated Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78j(b)] and Exchange Act Rule 10b-5 [17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5].

REQUEST FOR RELIEF

Therefore, the Commission respectfully requests that the Court enter a judgment substantially in the form agreed to by the parties and submitted to the Court with this Complaint, which provides for a judgment:

- (i) permanently enjoining Bruce and Donna Hvidsten from violating Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78j(b)] and Exchange Act Rule 10b-5 [17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5];
- (ii) ordering Bruce and Donna Hvidsten to disgorge the profits obtained as a result of the actions alleged herein and to pay prejudgment interest thereon;
- (iii) ordering Bruce and Donna Hvidsten to pay a civil monetary penalty under Section 21A of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78u-1]; and
- (iv) granting such other relief as this Court may deem just and proper.

Dated: May 4, 2011

Respectfully submitted,

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APPLYING IFP

CIVIL COVER SHEET The JS-44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. (SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE REVERSE OF THE FORM.) **DEFENDANTS** I.(a) PLAINTIFF BRUCE A. HVIDSTEN and DONNA JANITZ HVIDSTEN SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION County of Residence of First Listed Defendant: Dallas (b) COUNTY OF RESIDENCE OF FIRST LISTED PLAINTIFF (IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY) (EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES) NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE TRACT OF LAND INVOLVED. ATTORNEYS (If known): (C) ATTORNEY (FIRM NAME, ADDRESS, AND TELEPHONE NUMBER) MICHAEL D. KING and FRANK E. GOODRICH U.S. Securities & Exchange Commission, Burnett Plaza, Ste. 1900, 801 Cherry Street, Unit #18, Fort Worth, TX 76102-6882 (817) 978-3821 ONE III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES (PLACE AN PLAINTIFF BOX BOX II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (PLACE AN "X" IN ONE BOX ONLY) AND ONE DEFENDANT) (For Diversity Cases Only) PTF PTF PTF PTF Citizen of This State <u> 1</u> Incorporated or Principal Place $\Box 4 \Box 4$ 3 Federal Question ☑ 1 U.S. Government of Business In This State (U.S. Government Not a Party) **Plaintiff** □ 2 □ 2 Citizen of Another State Incorporated and Principal Place 5 5 2 U.S. Government ☐ 4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties □ 3 □ 3 of Business in Another State Citizen or Subject of a Defendant in Item III) Foreign Country Foreign Nation □ 6 □ 6 IV. NATURE OF SUIT (PLACE AN "X" IN ONE BOX ONLY) FORFEITURE/PENALTY BANKRUPTCY **OTHER STATUTES** CONTRACT TORTS ☐ 400 State Reapprotionment ☐ 610 Agriculture ☐ 620 Other Food & Drug 110 Insurance PERSONAL INJURY PERSONAL INJURY ☐ 422 Appeal 28 USC 156 ☐ 410 Antitrust ☐ 120 Marine ☐ 310 Airplane ☐ 362 Personal Injury -Med. Malpractice ☐ 625 Drug Related Seizure of 430 Banks and Banking 130 Miller Act 315 Airplane Product Property 21 USC 881 ☐ 423 Withdrawal □ 365 Personal Injury -☐ 450 Commerce/ICC 140 Negotiable Instrument Liability ☐ 630 Liquor Laws 28 USC 157 320 Assault, Libel & **Product Liability** Rates/etc 150 Recovery of ☐ 460 Deportation Overpayment Slander & Enforcement of Judgment □ 330 Federal Employers' ☐ 368 Asbestos Personal ☐ 640 R.R. & Truck PROPERTY RIGHTS ☐ 470 Racketeer Influenced ☐ 151 Medicare Act Injury Product Liability and Corrupt Organizations Liability PERSONAL PROPERTY ☐ 650 Airline Regs. ☐ 820 Copy rights ☐ 830 Patient □ 810 Selective Service ☐ 152 Recovery of Defaulted ☐ 340 Marine ☐ 660 Occupational Safety/Health ⊠ 850 Securities Student Loans (Excl. Veterans) ☐ 345 Marine Product ☐ 370 Other Fraud Commodities/ Exchange ☐ 371 Truth in Lending ☐ 840 Trademark Liability ☐ 690 Other SOCIAL SECURITY ■ 875 Customer Challenge ☐ 380 Other Personal ☐ 153 Recovery OF ☐ 350 Motor Vehicle LABOR 12 USC 3410 Property Damage Overpayment of Veteran's Benefits ☐ 355 Motor Vehicle ☐ 385 Property Damage ☐ 710 Fair Labor Standards Act ☐ 861 HIA (1395FF) ■ 891 Agricultural Acts ☐ 160 Stockholders' Suits ☐ 862 Black Lung (923) ■ 892 Economic Stabilization Product Liability Product Liability ■ 190 Other Contract ☐ 360 Other Personal ☐ 720 Labor/Mgmt. Relations ☐ 863 DIWC/DIWW (405(q)) Act ☐ 195 Contract Product Liability Injury **CIVIL RIGHTS** ☐ 730 Labor/Mgmt. Reporting & ☐ 864 SSID Title XVI ■ 893 Environmental Matters **PRISONER PETITIONS REAL PROPERTY** Disclosure Act 865 RSI (405(g)) ■ 894 Energy Allocation Act 210 Land Condemnation ☐ 441 Voting ☐ 510 Motions to Vacate ☐ 740 Railway Labor Act ☐ 895 Freedom of **FEDERAL TAX SUITS** Information Act Sentence □ 900 Appeal of Fee Determination Under ■ 870 Taxes (U.S. Plaintiff or ☐ 220 Foreclosure ☐ 442 Employment Habeas Corpus: ☐ 790 Other Labor Litigation ☐ 530 General Defendant) 230 Rent Lease & Ejectment ☐ 443 Housing/ Accommodations ☐ 535 Death Penalty 791 Empl. Ret. Inc. ☐ 871 IRS - Third Party Equal Access to Justice ☐ 240 Torts to Land ☐ 245 Tort Product Liability ☐ 444 Welfare 540 Mandamus & Other Security Act 26 USC 7609 ☐ 950 Constitutionality of 440 Other Civil Rights ☐ 550 Civil Rights State Statutes ■ 290 All Other Real Property ■ 890 Other Statutory Actions V. ORIGIN (PLACE AN "X" IN ONE BOX ONLY) ☑ 1 Original □ 2 Removed from ☐ 3 Remanded from ☐ 4 Reinstated or Proceeding State Court Appellate Court Reopened VI. CAUSE OF ACTION (CITE THE U.S. CIVIL STATUTE UNDER WHICH YOU ARE FILING AND WRITE BRIEF STATEMENT OF CAUSE. DO NOT CITE JURISDICTIONSL STATUTUES UNLESS DIVERSITY.) Section 10(b) of the Securities Act of 1933 [15 U.S.C. § 78j(b)] and Rule 10b-5 thereunder [17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5] CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint: VII. REQUESTED IN CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION **DEMAND \$** JURY DEMAND | YES ⊠ NO COMPLAINT: □ UNDER F.R.C.P. 23 26 USC 7609 VIII. RELATED CASE(S) (See Instructions): DOCKET NUMBER IF ANY JUDGE SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD

JUDGE

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