IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

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Plaintiff,	
v. MOSHE YEHUDA DUNOFF,	Civil Action No.
Defendant.	

COMPLAINT

Plaintiff Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") alleges as follows:

SUMMARY

- 1. From at least January 2009 through December 2010, defendant Moshe Yehuda

 Dunoff participated in an offering fraud that raised over \$1.5 million from 58 investors in 14

 countries through the purported purchase and sale of discounted U.S. securities.
- 2. Individuals participating in the fraud in Southeast Asia made unsolicited telephone calls to prospective investors, claiming that they worked for a Chicago-based broker-dealer named Gruber and Green, Inc. ("Gruber and Green"). The callers told prospective investors that Gruber and Green could sell them common stock in publicly traded companies at substantial discounts to achieve significant profits.
- 3. In reality, Gruber and Green did not exist, and the statements made to investors to induce them to invest money were lies. The investors not only failed to receive the significant profits that they were promised, but also lost the entire amount of their original investments.

- 4. Investors were victimized in two ways. First, investors were solicited by purported Gruber and Green financial advisors to wire funds to U.S.-based bank accounts controlled by Dunoff for the purchase of stock. However, investor funds were not used to purchase common stock as promised. Instead, Dunoff kept a portion of the proceeds for his own benefit and transferred the remaining funds to bank accounts in the Philippines, Thailand, and Indonesia controlled by others involved in the scheme.
- 5. Later, individuals claiming to be financial advisors with Gruber and Green contacted certain investors, falsely telling them that the recently purchased securities were sold for an exorbitant profit. The financial advisors claimed that, before they could release the sale proceeds, the investors had to send an "advance fee" to Gruber and Green to cover taxes and other expenses. Based on such misstatements, the investors sent additional funds to U.S.-based bank accounts controlled by Dunoff. Again, Dunoff kept his portion of the proceeds and transferred the remaining funds to bank accounts in the Philippines, Thailand, and Indonesia.
- 6. As a result of the conduct described in this complaint, Dunoff violated Sections 17(a)(1) and (3) of the Securities Act of 1933 ("Securities Act") [15 U.S.C. § 77q(a)(1) and (3)] and Section 10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act") [15 U.S.C. § 78j(b)] and Rules 10b-5(a) and (c) thereunder [C.F.R. § 240.10b-5(a) and (c)].

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

7. The Commission brings this action pursuant to Sections 20(b) and 20(d) of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. §§ 77t(b) and 77t(d)] and Sections 21(d) and 21(e) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. §§ 78u(d) and 78u(e)] to enjoin such acts, transactions, practices, and courses of business and to obtain disgorgement, prejudgment interest, civil money penalties, and such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and appropriate.

- 8. The Court has jurisdiction over this action pursuant to Sections 20(b), 20(d), and 22(a) of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. §§ 77t(b), 77t(d), and 77v(a)] and Sections 21(d), 21(e), and 27 of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. §§ 78u(d), 78u(e), and 78aa].
- 9. Venue in this district is proper pursuant to Section 22(a) of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. § 77v(a)] and Section 27 of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78aa]. Among other things, certain of the acts, practices, and courses of business constituting the violations of the federal securities laws alleged herein occurred within the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

DEFENDANT

10. **Moshe Yehuda Dunoff**, age 29, resided, at various times, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Baltimore, Maryland, and London, England, during the time period in which the conduct described herein took place, and currently resides in West Palm Beach, Florida.

RELATED ENTITY

11. **Gruber and Green, Inc.** is the name of a fictitious broker-dealer used to defraud investors.

FACTS

The Offering Fraud

- 12. From at least January 2009 through December 2010, Dunoff and others located in Southeast Asia were complicit in a "boiler room"-type offering fraud in which they raised over \$1.5 million from 58 investors in 14 countries through the purported purchase and sale of discounted U.S. securities.
- 13. As part of the scheme, individuals located in Southeast Asia made unsolicited telephone calls to prospective investors, claiming that they worked for a Chicago-based broker-

dealer named Gruber and Green, Inc. and proposing a no-lose investment strategy. In reality, Gruber and Green did not exist, and the proposed investment strategy was a sham.

- 14. During these calls, prospective investors were told that Gruber and Green could sell the investors common stock in publicly traded companies at substantial discounts.

 Prospective investors were also told that Gruber and Green could arrange for the future sale of such securities to "institutional investors" at a premium.
- 15. Dunoff, operating primarily from Bala Cynwyd, Pennsylvania, played a central role in this fraud. Dunoff opened six checking accounts at three different banks in Pennsylvania and Florida in the name of Intereast Financial Brokers ("Intereast") and, later, opened an account in Florida in the name of Trans World Trading ("Trans World").
- 16. As part of the scheme, once the individuals claiming to be affiliated with Gruber and Green fraudulently convinced investors to purchase securities, they provided the investors with payment instructions directing them to transfer funds to either the Intereast or Trans World bank accounts maintained by Dunoff.
- 17. Both Intereast and Trans World were fictitious companies and had no business purpose besides collecting the funds that Gruber and Green's victims were duped into transferring. Dunoff used these company names to legitimize the transaction and conceal the fraudulent scheme from prospective investors.
- 18. Once those funds were received, neither Dunoff nor anyone else associated with this scheme used any of the investor proceeds to purchase the promised securities. Instead, Dunoff kept a portion of the proceeds for his own benefit, and transferred the remaining funds to bank accounts in the Philippines, Thailand, and Indonesia controlled by others involved in the scheme.

- 19. As an example, a caller purporting to be affiliated with Gruber and Green offered one investor ("Investor A") an "institutional discount" if he purchased shares of Diamond Offshore Drilling, Inc., a NYSE-listed stock. The caller also claimed that the investor's shares would be repurchased by the company at a 20% premium. Both of these statements were false. Based on these misrepresentations, Investor A transferred more than \$204,000 between April 21, 2010 and June 18, 2010 to U.S.-based bank accounts affiliated with the scheme and controlled by Dunoff. Investor A never received this money back.
- 20. Similarly, a caller purporting to be affiliated with Gruber and Green fraudulently told another investor ("Investor B") that an "institutional buyback" would enable him to nearly double his investment. Based on this misrepresentation, Investor B transferred more than \$63,000 between March 6, 2009, and December 28, 2009, to U.S.-based bank accounts affiliated with the scheme and controlled by Dunoff. Investor B never received this money back.
- 21. While soliciting prospective investors to purchase securities, the callers hid their true identities by using fake names, including David Bacon and Carl Massey. To conceal their overseas locations, and to make it appear as though they were calling from the Chicago area, the callers used Voice over Internet Protocol telephone numbers with Illinois-based areas codes. They also created a fake Gruber and Green website, which described the company as a well-established provider of financial planning services located in Chicago, Illinois.
- 22. They deceived investors by using Gruber and Green letterhead, account applications, and email addresses. After the purported investments, some investors received fake payment receipts from Gruber and Green's "accounts department," listing the name, price, and quantity of shares purchased. Some investors also received fake trade confirmations and stock

certificates from individuals claiming to be associated with Gruber and Green, purporting to reflect their purchases and ownership of securities.

- 23. Individuals claiming to be financial advisors with Gruber and Green victimized some investors a second time. Some investors were contacted by individuals claiming to be Gruber and Green financial advisors who falsely told the investors that they had sold the recently purchased securities for an exorbitant profit. These "financial advisors" claimed that, before they would release the sale proceeds, the investors had to send an "advance fee" to Gruber and Green for taxes and other expenses.
- 24. As a result of these fraudulent statements, some of these investors sent additional funds to U.S.-based bank accounts associated with the scheme and controlled by Dunoff, expecting to then receive their purported trading profits. The investors received neither their principal amount invested, nor the significant trading profits they were promised.
- 25. For example, a caller claiming to be Carl Massey at Gruber and Green contacted one investor ("Investor C")—who had previously transferred \$95,000 into a bank account controlled by Dunoff for the purchase of shares in Atlantic Wind & Solar, Inc., a NASDAQ-listed company—and advised him that his shares had be sold for \$435,000. "Massey" told Investor C that the investor's proceeds could not be released until he sent an additional \$45,000 for taxes and fees.
- 26. Investor C received follow-up emails from Massey and an individual identified as David Bacon using a purported Gruber and Green email address, assuring Investor C that his funds would be released once he paid the \$45,000 "taxation settlement." Based on these representations, Investor C transferred the additional \$45,000 to U.S.-based bank accounts

associated with the scheme and controlled by Dunoff to secure the release his purported trading profits, which Investor C never received.

Dunoff Violated the Federal Securities Laws

- 27. As part of the scheme described above, Dunoff committed deceptive acts by opening bank accounts in the names of the fictitious entities Intereast and Trans World.
 - 28. Dunoff committed these deceptive acts in furtherance of the scheme to defraud.
- 29. Dunoff knowingly or recklessly committed these deceptive acts in furtherance of the scheme to defraud.
- 30. Dunoff committed these deceptive acts in connection with the purchase or sale of a security.
- 31. Dunoff committed these deceptive acts by use of the means or instrumentalities of interstate commerce or the mails.
 - 32. At all times relevant to this complaint, Dunoff acted knowingly or recklessly.

CLAIMS FOR RELIEF

FIRST CLAIM

Violations of Section 17(a)(1) and (3) of the Securities Act

- 33. The Commission realleges and incorporates by reference each and every allegation in paragraphs 1 through 32, inclusive, as if they were fully set forth herein.
- 34. From at least January 2009 through December 2010, as a result of the conduct alleged herein, Dunoff in the offer or sale of securities, directly or indirectly, by the use of any means or instruments of transportation or communication in interstate commerce, or by the use of the mails:

- knowingly or recklessly employed devices, schemes, or artifices to defraud; or
- knowingly, recklessly, or negligently engaged in transactions, practices, or courses of business that operated as a fraud or deceit upon offerees, purchasers, and prospective purchasers.
- 35. By engaging in the foregoing conduct, Dunoff violated and, unless restrained and enjoined, will continue to violate Section 17(a)(1) and (3) of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. § 77q(a)(1) and (3)].

SECOND CLAIM

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

- 36. The Commission realleges and incorporates by reference each and every allegation in paragraphs 1 through 35, inclusive, as if they were fully set forth herein.
- 37. From at least January 2009 through December 2010, as a result of the conduct alleged herein, Dunoff knowingly or recklessly, 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:
 - a. employed devices, schemes, or artifices to defraud; or
 - engaged in acts, practices, or courses of business that operated as a fraud or deceit upon any person.
- 38. By engaging in the foregoing conduct, Dunoff violated and, unless restrained and enjoined, will continue to violate Sections 10(b) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78j(b)] and Rule 10b-5(a) and (c) thereunder [17 C.F.R.§ 240.10b-5(a) and (c)].

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, the Commission respectfully requests that the Court enter a final judgment:

I.

Permanently restraining and enjoining Dunoff and his agents, servants, employees, attorneys, and all persons in active concert or participation with them who receive actual notice of the injunction by personal service or otherwise, from violating, directly or indirectly, Section 17(a) of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. § 77q(a)];

II.

Permanently restraining and enjoining Dunoff and his agents, servants, employees, attorneys, and all persons in active concert or participation with them who receive actual notice of the injunction by personal service or otherwise, from violating, directly or indirectly, Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78j(b)] and Rule 10b-5 thereunder [17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5];

III.

Ordering Dunoff to disgorge any and all ill-gotten gains, together with prejudgment interest thereon, derived from the activities set forth in this complaint;

IV.

Ordering Dunoff to pay civil penalties 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)];

V.

Retaining jurisdiction of this action for purposes of enforcing any final judgment and orders; and

VI.

Granting such other and further relief as this Court may deem just and appropriate.

Dated: August 20, 2015

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