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11 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
12 FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
13 WESTERN DIVISION

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14 SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE
15 COMMISSION,

16 Plaintiff,

17 vs.

18 eCONNECT, THOMAS S. HUGHES,
19 RICHARD EPSTEIN AND ALLIANCE
20 EQUITIES, INC.

21 Defendants.

Case No. CV-02-6156 NM (Mcx)

**FINAL JUDGMENT OF
PERMANENT INJUNCTION AND
OTHER RELIEF AGAINST
THOMAS S. HUGHES**

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1 Plaintiff Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission"), having
2 filed and served upon Defendant Thomas S. Hughes ("Defendant") a Summons
3 and Complaint in this action; Defendant having admitted service upon him of the
4 Summons and Complaint in this action and the jurisdiction of this Court over him
5 and over the subject matter of this action; having been fully advised and informed
6 of his right to a judicial determination of this matter; having waived the entry of
7 findings of fact and conclusions of law as provided by Rule 52 of the Federal
8 Rules of Civil Procedure; having consented to the entry of this Final Judgment Of
9 Permanent Injunction And Other Relief Against Thomas S. Hughes ("Judgment")
10 without admitting or denying the allegations in the Complaint, except as
11 specifically set forth in the Consent Of Thomas S. Hughes To Entry Of Final
12 Judgment Of Permanent Injunction And Other Relief ("Consent"); no notice of
13 hearing upon the entry of this Judgment being necessary; and this Court being
14 fully advised:

15 I.

16 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that
17 Defendant, Defendant's officers, agents, servants, employees, attorneys,
18 subsidiaries and affiliates, and those persons in active concert or participation with
19 any of them, who receive actual notice of this Final Judgment, by personal service
20 or otherwise, and each of them, be and hereby are permanently restrained and
21 enjoined from failing to file, with respect to any equity security registered
22 pursuant to Section 12 of the Exchange Act, a statement indicating Defendant's
23 ownership at the close of the calendar month and such changes in Defendant's
24 ownership as have occurred during such calendar month to the extent that
25 Defendant is, directly or indirectly, the beneficial owner of more than 10% of any
26 class of any such security in violation of Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act and
27 Rule 16a-3 thereunder, 15 U.S.C. § 78p(a) and 17 C.F.R. § 240.16a-3.

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II.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Defendant be prohibited permanently, pursuant to Section 21(d)(2) of the Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. § 78u(d)(2), from acting as an officer or director of any issuer that has a class of securities registered pursuant to Section 12 of the Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. § 781, or that is required to file reports pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. § 78o(d).

III.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Defendant shall pay a civil penalty in the amount of \$120,000 pursuant to Section 21(d)(3) of the Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. § 78u(d)(3). Defendant shall make this payment within ten (10) business days after entry of this Final Judgment by certified check, bank cashier's check, or United States postal money order payable to the Securities and Exchange Commission. The payment shall be delivered or mailed to the Office of Financial Management, Securities and Exchange Commission, Operations Center, 6432 General Green Way, Mail Stop 0-3, Alexandria, Virginia 22312, and shall be accompanied by a letter identifying Thomas S. Hughes as a defendant in this action; setting forth the title and civil action number of this action and the name of this Court; and specifying that payment is made pursuant to this Final Judgment.

IV.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that the Consent is incorporated herein with the same force and effect as if fully set forth herein, and that Defendant shall comply with all of the undertakings and agreements set forth therein.

V.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that during the pendency of this action against any defendant, Defendant shall

1 remain subject to the discovery provisions of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure
2 which apply to parties, and, in addition, that Defendant agrees and undertakes,
3 without service of a subpoena, to appear for his deposition or to testify as a
4 witness at any trial of this action or at any related proceeding. Failure to comply
5 with the foregoing will subject Defendant to the remedies and sanctions set forth
6 in Rule 37 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and all other available
7 remedies.

8 VI.

9 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that this
10 Court shall retain jurisdiction of this ^{for 180 days} matter for the purposes of enforcing the terms
11 of this Final Judgment.

12 VII.

13 There being no just reason for delay, pursuant to Rule 54(b) of the Federal
14 Rules of Civil Procedure, the Clerk is ordered to enter this Final Judgment
15 forthwith and without further notice.

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17 Dated: 9/3, 2003

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20 HON. NORA M. MANELLA
21 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
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PROOF OF SERVICE

I am over the age of 18 years and not a party to this action. My business address is:

U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION, 5670 Wilshire Boulevard, 11th Floor, Los Angeles, California 90036.

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On September 3, 2003, I served the document entitled **FINAL JUDGMENT OF PERMANENT INJUNCTION AND OTHER RELIEF AGAINST THOMAS S. HUGHES** upon the parties to this action addressed as stated on the attached service list:

OFFICE MAIL: By placing in sealed envelope(s), which I placed for collection and mailing today following ordinary business practices. I am readily familiar with this agency's practice for collection and processing of correspondence for mailing; such correspondence would be deposited with the U.S. Postal Service on the same day in the ordinary course of business.

PERSONAL DEPOSIT IN MAIL: By placing in sealed envelope(s), which I personally deposited with the U.S. Postal Service. Each such envelope was deposited with the U.S. Postal Service at Los Angeles, California, with first class postage thereon fully prepaid.

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(Federal) I declare that I am employed in the office of a member of the bar of this Court, at whose direction the service was made. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct

Date: September 3, 2003



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