

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA
SOUTHERN DIVISION

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE
COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,

v.

WILLIAM T. OWENS and
WESTON L. SMITH,

Defendants.

CIVIL ACTION FILE

NO. CV-03-CO-0720-S

FINAL JUDGMENT AS TO DEFENDANT WILLIAM T. OWENS

The Securities and Exchange Commission having filed a Complaint and Defendant William T. Owens (“Owens”) having entered a general appearance; consented to the Court’s jurisdiction over Defendant and the subject matter of this action; consented to entry of this Final Judgment as to Defendant William T. Owens (“Final Judgment”) without admitting or denying the allegations of the Complaint (except as to jurisdiction and venue); waived findings of fact and conclusions of law; and waived any right to appeal from this Final Judgment.

I.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that Defendant, and his agents, servants, employees, and attorneys, and those persons in active concert or participation with him who receive actual notice of this Final Judgment, by personal service or otherwise, and each of them, be and hereby are permanently enjoined and restrained from violating, directly or indirectly, or aiding and abetting violations of, Section 17(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 [15 U.S.C. § 77q(a)], by, through the use of any means or instruments of transportation or communication in interstate commerce or by the use of the mails:

1. employing any device, scheme or artifice to defraud;
2. 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
3. engaging in any transaction, practice, or course of business which operates or would operate as a fraud or deceit upon the purchaser, in the offer or sale of any security.

II.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that Defendant, and Defendant's agents, servants, employees, and attorneys, and those persons in active concert or participation with Defendant who receive actual notice of this Final Judgment, by personal service or otherwise, and each of them, be and hereby are permanently enjoined and restrained from violating, directly or indirectly, or aiding and abetting violations of, 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, through the use of any means or instrumentality of interstate commerce or of the mails or of any facility of any national securities exchange:

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

III.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that Defendant, and Defendant's agents, servants, employees, and attorneys, and those persons in active concert or participation with them who receive actual notice of this Final Judgment, by personal service or otherwise, and each of them, be and hereby are permanently enjoined and restrained from aiding and abetting violations of Section 13(a), 13(b)(2)(A) and 13(b)(2)(B) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78m(a), 78m(b)(2)(A) and 78m(b)(2)(B)] and Rules 12b-20, 13a-1, 13a-13 and 13a-14 thereunder [17 C.F.R. §§ 240.12b-20, 240.13a-1, 240.13a-13 and 240.13a-14], or, unless Defendant acts in good faith and does not directly or indirectly induce the act or acts constituting the violation, controlling any person who violates such section and rules, by:

1. filing any materially untrue, incorrect, false or misleading annual report of any issuer with a security registered pursuant to Section 12 of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78l] or any issuer which is required to file reports pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78o(d)];
2. filing any materially untrue, incorrect, false or misleading quarterly report of any issuer with a security registered pursuant to Section 12 of

the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78l] or any issuer which is required to file reports pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78o(d)]; or

3. failing, in addition to information expressly required to be included in statements or reports filed with the Commission, to add such further material information, if any, as may be necessary to make required statements, in light of the circumstances under which they are made, not misleading;
4. failing to make and keep books, records, and accounts, which, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of any company which has a class of securities registered pursuant to Section 12 of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. 78l] or any company which is required to file reports pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. 78o(d)]; or
5. failing to devise and maintain a system of internal accounting controls, of any company which has a class of securities registered pursuant to Section 12 of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. 78l] or any company which is required to file reports pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. 78o(d)], sufficient to provide reasonable assurances that:

- (a) transactions are executed in accordance with management's general or specific authorization;
 - (b) transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles or any other criteria applicable to such statements, and to maintain accountability for assets;
 - (c) access to assets is permitted only in accordance with management's general or specific authorization; or
 - (d) the recorded accountability for assets is compared with the existing assets at reasonable intervals and appropriate action is taken with respect to any differences.
6. certifying falsely, on any certification required by Exchange Act Rule 13a-14 to be made in connection with the filing of any Form 10-Q, Form 10QSB, Form 10-K, Form 10KSB, Form 20-F or Form 40-F, or any other report as to which such certification is required, any of the information required to be certified, including but not limited to certifying that the financial statements are not materially inaccurate.

IV.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that Defendant, and Defendant's agents, servants, employees, and attorneys, and those persons in active concert or participation with them who receive actual notice of this Final Judgment, by personal service or otherwise, and each of them, be and hereby are permanently enjoined and restrained from violating, directly or indirectly, Section 13(b)(5) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78m(b)(5)] and Rule 13b2-1 thereunder [17 C.F.R. § 240.13b2-1], by:

1. knowingly circumventing or knowingly failing to implement a system of internal accounting controls or knowingly falsifying any book, record, or account of any issuer which has a class of securities registered pursuant to Section 12 of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78l] or any company which is required to file reports pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78o(d)]; or
2. falsifying or causing to be falsified, directly or indirectly, any book, record or account of any company which has a class of securities registered pursuant to Section 12 of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C.

§78l] or any company which is required to file reports pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78o(d)].

V.

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

VI.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Defendant is liable for disgorgement of \$10,837,292, representing profits gained [losses avoided] as a result of the conduct alleged in the Complaint, together with prejudgment interest thereon in the amount of \$4,728,219, for a total of \$15,565,511. Payment of \$2.5 million of this amount is deemed satisfied by the order entered in U.S. v. William T. Owens, CR-03-3B-00131-SLB which requires Defendant to forfeit that amount. Based on Defendant's sworn representations in his Statement of Financial Condition dated February 18, 2006, and other documents and information submitted to the Commission, however, the Court is not ordering Defendant to pay

a civil penalty and payment of all but the aforementioned \$2.5 million of the disgorgement and pre-judgment interest thereon is waived. Defendant shall also pay post-judgment interest on any delinquent amounts pursuant to 28 USC § 1961. The determination not to impose a civil penalty and to waive payment of all but \$2.5 million of the disgorgement and pre-judgment interest is contingent upon the accuracy and completeness of Defendant's Statement of Financial Condition. If at any time following the entry of this Final Judgment the Commission obtains information indicating that Defendant's representations to the Commission concerning his assets, income, liabilities, or net worth were fraudulent, misleading, inaccurate, or incomplete in any material respect as of the time such representations were made, the Commission may, at its sole discretion and without prior notice to Defendant, petition the Court for an order requiring Defendant to pay the unpaid portion of the disgorgement, pre-judgment and post-judgment interest thereon, and the maximum civil penalty allowable under the law. In connection with any such petition, the only issue shall be whether the financial information provided by Defendant was fraudulent, misleading, inaccurate, or incomplete in any material respect as of the time such representations were made. In its petition, the Commission may move this Court to consider all available remedies, including, but not limited to, ordering Defendant to pay funds or assets, directing the forfeiture of

any assets, or sanctions for contempt of this Final Judgment. The Commission may also request additional discovery. Defendant may not, by way of defense to such petition: (1) challenge the validity of the Consent or this Final Judgment; (2) contest the allegations in the Complaint filed by the Commission; (3) assert that payment of disgorgement, pre-judgment and post-judgment interest or a civil penalty should not be ordered; (4) contest the amount of disgorgement and pre-judgment and post-judgment interest; (5) contest the imposition of the maximum civil penalty allowable under the law; or (6) assert any defense to liability or remedy, including, but not limited to, any statute of limitations defense.

VII.

IT IS HEREBY 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.

VIII.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that this Court shall retain jurisdiction of this matter for the purposes of enforcing the terms of this Final Judgment.

IX.

There being no just reason for delay, pursuant to Rule 54(b), 58, and 77(d) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Clerk is requested to enter this Final Judgment forthwith and without further notice.

Done this 22nd day of May 2006.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Scott Coogler', is written over a horizontal line.

L. SCOTT COOGLER
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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