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

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION.

Plaintiff,

Civil Action No.:

MICHAEL W. SULFRIDGE,

v.

Defendant.

U.S. DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
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AGREED FINAL JUDGMENT AGAINST DEFENDANT MICHAEL W. SULFRIDGE

Plaintiff Securities and Exchange Commission having filed a Complaint and Defendant Michael W. Sulfridge ("Defendant") 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 without admitting or denying the allegations of the Complaint (except as to jurisdiction); 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 Defendant's agents, servants, employees, attorneys, and all persons in active concert or participation with him who receive actual notice of this Final Judgment by personal service or otherwise are permanently restrained and enjoined from violating Section 17(a) of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. § 77q(a)] in the

SEC v. Michael W. Sulfridge Agreed Final Judgment Page 1 offer or sale of any security by the use of any means or instruments of transportation or communication in interstate commerce or by use of the mails, directly or indirectly:

- (a) to employ any device, scheme, or artifice to defraud;
- (b) to obtain 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 light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; or
- (c) to engage in any transaction, practice, or course of business which operates or would operate as a fraud or deceit upon the purchaser.

II.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Defendant and Defendant's agents, servants, employees, attorneys, and all persons in active concert or participation with him who receive actual notice of this Final Judgment by personal service or otherwise are permanently restrained and enjoined from violating, directly or indirectly, Section 10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act") [15 U.S.C. § 78j(b)] and Rule 10b-5 promulgated thereunder [17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5], by using any means or instrumentality of interstate commerce, or of the mails, or of any facility of any national securities exchange, in connection with the purchase or sale of any security:

- (a) to employ any device, scheme, or artifice to defraud;
- (b) to make any untrue statement of a material fact or to omit 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

(c) to engage in any act, practice, or course of business which operates or would operate as a fraud or deceit upon any person.

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Defendant and Defendant's agents, servants, employees, attorneys, and all persons in active concert or participation with him who receive actual notice of this Final Judgment by personal service or otherwise are permanently restrained and enjoined from violating, directly or indirectly, Section 13(b)(5) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act") [15 U.S.C. § 78m(b)(5)] and Rule 13b2-1 promulgated thereunder [17 C.F.R. §§ 240.13b2-1], by knowingly circumventing or knowingly failing to implement a system of internal accounting controls or knowingly falsifying any book, record, or account described in Section 13(b)(2) of the Exchange Act; or falsifying or causing to be falsified, any book, record or account subject to section 13(b)(2)(A) of the Exchange Act.

IV.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Defendant and Defendant's agents, servants, employees, attorneys, and all persons in active concert or participation with him who receive actual notice of this Final Judgment by personal service or otherwise are permanently restrained and enjoined from aiding and abetting any violation of Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78m(a)] and Rules 13a-1, 13a-11, 13a-13, and 12b-20 promulgated thereunder [17 C.F.R. §§ 240.13a-1, 240.13a-11, 240.13a-13, and 240.12b-20], by knowingly providing substantial assistance to any issuer that:

(a) fails to file with the Commission:

- (1) such information and documents as the Commission shall require to keep reasonably current the information and documents required to be included in or filed with an application or registration statement filed pursuant to Section 12 of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. §781]; and
- (2) such annual reports, certified if required by the rules and regulations of the Commission by independent public accountants, and such quarterly reports, as the Commission may prescribe;
- (b) fails 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, to that information expressly required to be included in a statement or report;
- (c) fails to make in a timely fashion with the Commission annual reports as required by Commission Rule 13a-1 [17 C.F.R. §§ 240.13a-1];
- (d) fails to make in a timely fashion with the Commission reports on Form 8-K as required by Commission Rule 13a-11 [17 C.F.R. §§ 240.13a-11]; or
- (e) fails to make in a timely fashion with the Commission reports on Form 10-Q and Form 10-QSB as required by Commission Rule 13a-13 [17 C.F.R. §§ 240.13a-13];

V.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Defendant and Defendant's agents, servants, employees, attorneys, and all persons in active concert or participation with him who receive actual notice of this Final Judgment by personal service or otherwise are permanently restrained and enjoined from aiding and abetting any violation of Section 13(b)(2)(A) of

the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78m(b)(2)(A)] by knowingly providing substantial assistance to an issuer that fails to make and keep books, records, and accounts, which, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the issuer.

VI.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Defendant and Defendant's agents, servants, employees, attorneys, and all persons in active concert or participation with him who receive actual notice of this Final Judgment by personal service or otherwise are permanently restrained and enjoined from aiding and abetting any violation of Section 13(b)(2)(B) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78m(b)(2)(B)] by knowingly providing substantial assistance to an issuer that fails to devise and maintain a system of internal accounting controls 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 (i) to permit preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles or any other criteria applicable to such statements, and (ii) to maintain accountability for assets;
- (c) access to assets is permitted only in accordance with management's general or specific authorization; and
- (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.

VII.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that, pursuant to Section 20(e) of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. § 77t(d)] Section 21(d)(2) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78u(d)(2)], Defendant is prohibited for five (5) years following the date of entry of this Final Judgment 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)].

VIII.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Defendant is liable for disgorgement of \$584,132.10, representing improper compensation as a result of the conduct alleged in the Complaint, together with prejudgment interest thereon in the amount of \$147,838.53, for a total of \$731,970.63. Based on Defendant's sworn representations in his Statement of Financial Condition dated January 31, 2007, 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 \$50,000 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 \$50,000 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,

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IX.

Michael W. Sulfridge shall pay \$50,000 in two installments according to the following schedule: (1) \$25,000 within thirty (30) days of entry of this Final Judgment; and (2) \$25,000 within one hundred-eighty days (180) days of entry of this Final Judgment. If Michael W. Sulfridge fails to make any payment by the date agreed and/or in the amount agreed according to the schedule set forth

above, all outstanding payments under this Final Judgment, including post-judgment interest, minus any payments made, shall become due and payable immediately without further application to the Court.

Both payments shall be made 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 Michael W. Sulfridge 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. Defendant shall pay post-judgment interest on any delinquent amounts pursuant to 28 USC § 1961. The Commission shall remit the funds paid pursuant to this paragraph to the United States Treasury.

X.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that the Consent of Defendant Michael W. Sulfridge 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

XI.

IT IS 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.

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Dated: June 29, 2007

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