

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHER DISTRICT OF OHIO  
WESTERN DISTRICT**

**SECURITIES and EXCHANGE COMMISSION,**

**Plaintiff,**

**v.**

**Bernard Cole, et. al.,**

**Defendants.**

**Case No.: 3:09-cv-2107**

**Hon. James G. Carr**

**FINAL JUDGMENT AS TO DEFENDANT ROBERT E. STEIMLE**

The Securities and Exchange Commission (“the Commission”) having filed a Complaint and Defendant Robert E. Steimle (“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 them 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 of 1933 (the “Securities Act”), 15 U.S.C. § 77q(a), in the 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 of 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 HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Defendant and Defendant's agents, servants, employees, attorneys, and all persons in active concert or participation with them 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.

III.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that Defendant and Defendant's agents, servants, employees, attorneys and all persons in active concert or participation with them who receive actual notice of this Final Judgment by personal service or otherwise are permanently restrained and enjoined from any violation of Sections 13(a) and 13(b)(2)(A) of the Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 78m(a) and 78m(b)(2)(A), and Rules 12b-20, 13a-1, 13a-11, and 13a-13 thereunder, 17 C.F.R. §§ 240.12b-20, 240.13a-1, 240.13a-11 and 240.13a-13, by knowingly providing substantial assistance to an issuer that:

- (a) fails to file with the Commission such information, documents, or annual, quarterly or periodic reports that the Commission may require or prescribe pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act or any of the rules, regulations or forms promulgated thereunder; or
- (b) files with the Commission any information, document, or report, that contains any untrue statement of a material fact, omits any material information, or otherwise fails to comply with the provisions of Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act or any of the rules, regulations or forms thereunder; or
- (c) fails to add or include, in addition to the information expressly required to be included in a statement or report, such further material information as may be necessary to make the required statements, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; or

- (d) 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.

IV.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Defendant and Defendant's agents, servants, employees, attorneys, and all persons in active concert or participation with them who receive actual notice of this Final Judgment by personal service or otherwise are permanently restrained and enjoined from any violation of Section 13(b)(5) of the Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. § 78m(b)(5), and Rules 13b2-1 and 13b2-2 promulgated thereunder, 17 C.F.R. §§240.13b2-1 and 240.13b2-2, by:

- (a) 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, 15 U.S.C. § 78m(b)(2); or
- (b) directly or indirectly falsifying or causing to be falsified any book, record or account subject to Section 13(b)(2)(A) of the Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. § 78m(b)(2)(A); or
- (c) directly or indirectly making or causing to be made a materially false or misleading statement, or omitting to state or causing another person to omit to state any material fact, to an accountant in connection with any audit, review or examination of the financial statements of an issuer or company, or the preparation or filing of any document or report required to be filed with the Commission; or

- (d) directly or indirectly taking any action to coerce, manipulate, mislead, or fraudulently influence any independent public or certified public accountant engaged in the performance of an audit or review of financial statements of an issuer that are required to be filed with the Commission where that person knew or should have known that such action, if successful, could result in rendering the issuer's financial statements materially misleading.

V.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Defendant is liable for disgorgement of \$21,774, representing profits gained as a result of the conduct alleged in the Complaint, together with prejudgment interest thereon in the amount of \$6,449 and a civil penalty in the amount of \$45,000 pursuant to Section 20(d) of the Securities Act and Section 21(d)(3) of the Exchange Act. Defendant shall satisfy this obligation by paying \$73,223 pursuant to the terms of the payment schedule set forth in paragraph VI below 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. Each 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 Robert E. Steimle 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 simultaneously transmit photocopies of each such payment and letter to the Commission's counsel in this action. 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.

VI.

Robert E. Steimle shall pay \$73,223 in four (4) installments according to the following schedule: (1) \$18,306, on the day of the entry of this Final Judgment; (2) \$18,306, within 120 days of entry of this Final Judgment plus post-judgment interest pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1961; (3) \$18,306, within 240 days of entry of this Final Judgment plus post-judgment interest pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1961; and (4) the remaining \$18,305, within 360 days of entry of this Final Judgment plus post-judgment interest pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1961.

If Robert E. Steimle 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.

VII.

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.

VIII.

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.

IX.

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

Dated: September 21, 2009

s/ James G. Carr  

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE