

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE
COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,

v.

ASHLEY J. COOTS,

Defendant.

Civil Action No. 1:12-cv-2986-CAP

FINAL JUDGMENT AS TO ASHLEY J. COOTS

The Securities and Exchange Commission having filed a Complaint and Defendant Ashley J. Coots having entered a general appearance; consented to the Court's jurisdiction over him 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, 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;

by trading in securities on the basis of material, non-public information, misappropriating information for securities trading purposes in breach of a duty of

trust or confidence, or providing material, non-public information to others where such information was obtained in breach of a duty of trust or confidence.

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 them who receive actual notice of this Final Judgment by personal service or otherwise are permanently restrained and enjoined from violating Section 14(e) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78n(e)] and Rule 14e-3 [17 C.F.R. § 240.14e-3] promulgated thereunder, in connection with any tender offer or request or invitation for tenders, from engaging in any fraudulent, deceptive, or manipulative act or practice, by:

- (a) purchasing or selling or causing to be purchased or sold the securities sought or to be sought in such tender offer, securities convertible into or exchangeable for any such securities or any option or right to obtain or dispose of any of the foregoing securities while in possession of material information relating to such tender offer that Defendant knows or has reason to know is nonpublic and knows or has reason to know has been acquired directly or indirectly from the offering person; the issuer of the securities sought or to be sought by such tender offer; or any officer, director, partner,

employee or other person acting on behalf of the offering person of such issuer, unless within a reasonable time prior to any such purchase or sale such information and its source are publicly disclosed by press release or otherwise; or

(b) communicating material, nonpublic information relating to a tender offer, which Defendant knows or has reason to know is nonpublic and knows or has reason to know has been acquired directly or indirectly from the offering person; the issuer of the securities sought or to be sought by such tender offer; or any officer, director, partner, employee, advisor, or other person acting on behalf of the offering person of such issuer, to any person under circumstances in which it is reasonably foreseeable that such communication is likely to result in the purchase or sale of securities in the manner described in subparagraph (a) above, except that this paragraph shall not apply to a communication made in good faith

(i) to the officers, directors, partners or employees of the offering person, to its advisors or to other persons, involved in the planning, financing, preparation or execution of such tender offer;

- (ii) to the issuer whose securities are sought or to be sought by such tender offer, to its officers, directors, partners, employees or advisors or to other persons involved in the planning, financing, preparation or execution of the activities of the issuer with respect to such tender offer; or
- (iii) to any person pursuant to a requirement of any statute or rule or regulation promulgated thereunder.

III.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Defendant is liable for disgorgement of \$17,360.43 (of which he is jointly and severally liable with C. Roan Berry for \$13,231.80, but which he is not ordered to pay because C. Roan Berry has satisfied this obligation), representing profits gained as a result of the conduct alleged in the Complaint, together with prejudgment interest thereon in the amount of \$1,565.48 (of which he is jointly and severally liable with C. Roan Berry for \$1,167.36, but which he is not ordered to pay because C. Roan Berry has satisfied this obligation), and a civil penalty in the amount of \$13,231.80 pursuant to Section 21A of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78u-1]. Defendant shall satisfy this obligation by paying \$17,758.55 pursuant to

the terms of the payment schedule set forth in paragraph IV below after entry of this Final Judgment.

Defendant may transmit payment electronically to the Commission, which will provide detailed ACH transfer/Fedwire instructions upon request. Payment may also be made directly from a bank account or by credit or debit card via Pay.gov through the SEC website at <http://www.sec.gov/about/offices/ofm.htm>. Defendant may also pay by certified check, bank cashier's check, or United States postal money order payable to the Securities and Exchange Commission, which shall be delivered or mailed to

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Oklahoma City, OK 73169

and shall be accompanied by a letter identifying the case title, civil action number, and name of the Court; Ashley J. Coots as a defendant in this action; and specifying that payment is made pursuant to this Final Judgment.

Defendant shall simultaneously transmit photocopies of evidence of payment and case identifying information to the Commission's counsel in this action. By making this payment, Defendant relinquishes all legal and equitable

right, title, and interest in such funds and no part of the funds shall be returned to Defendant. The Commission shall send the funds paid pursuant to this Final Judgment to the United States Treasury.

IV.

Ashley J. Coots shall pay the total of disgorgement, prejudgment interest, and penalty due of \$17,758.55 in 36 installments to the Commission according to the following schedule: (1) \$493.29, within 14 days of entry of this Final Judgment; and (2) \$493.29 on the 15th of each month, beginning on the 15th of the first month after the month in which the Final Judgment is entered. Payments shall be deemed made on the date they are received by the Commission and shall be applied first to post-judgment interest, which accrues pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1961 on any unpaid amounts due after 14 days of entry of Final Judgment. Prior to making the final payment set forth herein, Coots shall contact the staff of the Commission for the amount due for the final payment.

If Coots failed 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 at the discretion of the staff of the Commission without further application to the Court.

V.

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.

Dated: September 5, 2012

/s/Charles A. Pannell, Jr.
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE