

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA**

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE
COMMISSION,**

Plaintiff,

v.

**SOUTHERN USA RESOURCES, INC.
and CHARLES H. MERCHANT, SR.,**

Defendants.

**Civil Action File No.
1:13-cv-3879-SCJ**

**ORDER OF PERMANENT INJUNCTION AND OTHER ANCILLARY
RELIEF AS TO DEFENDANT CHARLES H. MERCHANT, SR.**

The Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”) having filed a Complaint and Defendant Charles H. Merchant, Sr. (“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 Order of Permanent Injunction and Other Ancillary Relief (the “Order of Permanent Injunction”) 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 Order of Permanent Injunction:

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 Order of Permanent Injunction 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, in connection with the purchase or sale of any security, making, directly or indirectly, any materially false or misleading statement or omission of material fact in any communication, either orally or in writing, with any investor or prospective investor or in any public filing with the Commission regarding (a) the actual or expected performance of any public company or investment opportunity, or (b) the assets, liabilities or financial position of any public company or investment opportunity.

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 them who receive actual notice of this Order of Permanent Injunction, by personal service or otherwise, and each of them, be and hereby are permanently enjoined and restrained from violating 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:

- (a) knowingly circumventing or knowingly failing to implement a system of internal accounting controls or knowingly falsifying or causing to be falsified 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)];

- (b) 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)].

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 Order of Permanent Injunction, by personal service or otherwise, and each of them, be and hereby are permanently enjoined and restrained from violating Rule 13a-14 under the Exchange Act [17 C.F.R. § 240.13a-14] by, as a principal executive or principal financial officer of an issuer, or as a person performing similar functions, falsely certifying any report filed under Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78m(a)] (other than a report filed by an Asset-Backed

Issuer defined in 17 C.F.R. § 229.1101, or a report on Form 20-F under 17 C.F.R. § 240.13a-19), including reports filed on Forms 10-Q, Forms 10-QSB, Forms 10-K, or Forms 10-KSB.

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 Order of Permanent Injunction 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, and 13a-13 thereunder [17 C.F.R. §§ 240.13a-1, 240.13a-11, and 240.13a-13] by knowingly providing substantial assistance to an issuer which has a class of securities registered pursuant to Section 12 of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 781] or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78o(d)] in failing to file with the Commission such accurate and complete information, reports, and documents as are required to be filed with the Commission pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78m(a)] and the Rules thereunder, including but not limited to annual reports on Form 10-K [17 C.F.R. § 249.310] as prescribed by

Exchange Act Rule 13a-1 [17 C.F.R. § 240.13a-1], current reports on Form 8-K [17 C.F.R. § 249.308] as prescribed by Exchange Act Rule 13a-11 [17 C.F.R. § 240.13a-11], and quarterly reports on Form 10-Q [17 C.F.R. § 249.308a] as prescribed by Exchange Act Rule 13a-13 [17 C.F.R. § 240.13a-13].

V.

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 Order of Permanent Injunction by personal service or otherwise are permanently restrained and enjoined from aiding and abetting any violation of Rule 13a-15 under the Exchange Act [17 C.F.R. § 240.13a-15] by knowingly providing substantial assistance to an issuer with a class of securities registered pursuant to Section 12 of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78l] that fails to maintain disclosure controls and procedures and internal controls over financial reporting.

VI.

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 Order of Permanent Injunction by personal service or otherwise are permanently restrained and enjoined from aiding and abetting any violation of Section 13(b)(2) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78m(b)(2)] by knowingly providing substantial assistance to an 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)] that:

- (a) fails to make or keep books, records, or accounts which, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the issuer's assets; or
- (b) fails to devise and maintain a system of internal accounting controls sufficient to provide reasonable assurances that (i) transactions are executed in accordance with management's general or specific authorization; (ii) transactions are recorded as necessary (A) to permit preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles or any other criteria applicable to such statements, and (B) to maintain accountability for assets; (iii) access to assets is permitted only in accordance with management's general

or specific authorization; and (iv) 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 21(d)(2) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78u(d)(2)], Defendant is prohibited 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. § 78l] 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 permanently barred from participating in an offering of penny stock, including engaging in activities with a broker, dealer, or issuer for purposes of issuing, trading, or inducing or attempting to induce the purchase or sale of any penny stock. A penny stock is any equity security that has a price of less than five dollars, except as provided in Rule 3a51-1 under the Exchange Act [17 C.F.R. 240.3a51-1].

IX.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Defendant shall pay disgorgement of ill-gotten gains, prejudgment interest thereon, and a civil penalty pursuant to Section 21(d)(3) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78u(d)(3)]. The Court shall determine the amounts of the disgorgement and civil penalty upon motion of the Commission. Prejudgment interest shall be calculated from August 20, 2012, based on the rate of interest used by the Internal Revenue Service for the underpayment of federal income tax as set forth in 26 U.S.C. § 6621(a)(2). In connection with the Commission's motion for disgorgement and/or civil penalties, and at any hearing held on such a motion: (a) Defendant will be precluded from arguing that he did not violate the federal securities laws as alleged in the Complaint; (b) Defendant may not challenge the validity of the Consent or this Order of Permanent Injunction; (c) solely for the purposes of such motion, the allegations of the Complaint shall be accepted as and deemed true by the Court; and (d) the Court may determine the issues raised in the motion on the basis of affidavits, declarations, excerpts of sworn deposition or investigative testimony, and documentary evidence, without regard to the standards for summary judgment contained in Rule 56(c) of the Federal Rules of Civil

Procedure. In connection with the Commission's motion for disgorgement and/or civil penalties, the parties may take discovery, including discovery from appropriate non-parties.

X.

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.

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 Order of Permanent Injunction.

XII.

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 Order of Permanent Injunction forthwith and without further notice.

Dated: November 5, 2013.

s/Steve C. Jones
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE