## INITIAL DECISION RELEASE NO. 1102 ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING File No. 3-17698

# UNITED STATES OF AMERICA Before the SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

In the Matter of

ODYSSEY PICTURES CORPORATION, PORTUS CORPORATION, VAMPT AMERICA, INC., and WESTPORT ENERGY HOLDINGS, INC. INITIAL DECISION OF DEFAULT AS TO TWO RESPONDENTS January 18, 2017

APPEARANCE: David S. Frye for the Division of Enforcement, Securities and Exchange Commission

BEFORE: James E. Grimes, Administrative Law Judge

### SUMMARY

This initial decision revokes the registrations of the registered securities of Respondents Vampt America, Inc., and Westport Energy Holdings, Inc. (the Two Respondents), based on their failures to timely file required periodic reports with the Securities and Exchange Commission.<sup>1</sup>

### **INTRODUCTION**

On November 29, 2016, the Commission initiated this proceeding under Section 12(j) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 with an order instituting proceedings (OIP). The OIP alleges that the Two Respondents have securities registered with the Commission under Exchange Act Section 12(g) and have repeatedly failed to file timely periodic reports with the Commission, in violation of Exchange Act Section 13(a) and Rules 13a-1 and 13a-13 thereunder. The Two Respondents were served with the OIP by December 2, 2016, and their answers were due by December 19, 2016. *Odyssey Pictures Corp.*, 2016 SEC LEXIS 4834, at \*1. The Two Respondents failed to appear at the prehearing conference held December 22, 2016, and also failed to file answers or otherwise defend this proceeding. *Id.* at \*1-3. Accordingly, on December 29, 2016, I ordered them to show cause by January 9, 2017, why the registrations of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This proceeding has ended as to Odyssey Pictures Corporation, and summary disposition briefing has been scheduled as to Portus Corporation. *See Odyssey Pictures Corp.*, Securities Exchange Act of 1934 Release No. 79681, 2016 SEC LEXIS 4777 (Dec. 23, 2016); *Odyssey Pictures Corp.*, Admin. Proc. Rulings Release No. 4490, 2016 SEC LEXIS 4834 (ALJ Dec. 29, 2016).

their securities should not be revoked by default. *Id.* To date, the Two Respondents have not filed answers or responded to the show cause order.

#### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

The Two Respondents are in default for failing to file answers, attend the prehearing conference, or otherwise defend the proceeding. *See* OIP at 3; 17 C.F.R. §§ 201.155(a)(1)-(2), .220(f), .221(f). Accordingly, as authorized by Rule of Practice 155(a), 17 C.F.R. § 201.155(a), I find the following allegations in the OIP to be true.

Vampt America, Inc., Central Index Key (CIK) No. 1365022, is a revoked Nevada corporation located in Seattle, Washington, with a class of securities registered with the Commission pursuant to Exchange Act Section 12(g). The company is delinquent in its periodic filings with the Commission, having not filed any periodic reports since it filed a Form 10-Q for the period ended September 30, 2012, which reported a net loss of \$2,906,021 for the prior nine months. As of November 17, 2016, the company's common stock was quoted on OTC Markets Group Inc. (OTC Link), had one market maker, and was eligible for the "piggyback" exception of Exchange Act Rule 15c2-11(f)(3).

Westport Energy Holdings, Inc., CIK No. 1102414, is a Delaware corporation located in Princeton, New Jersey, with a class of securities registered with the Commission pursuant to Exchange Act Section 12(g). The company is delinquent in its periodic filings with the Commission, having not filed any periodic reports since it filed a Form 10-Q for the period ended September 30, 2014, which reported a net loss of \$2,065,669 for the prior nine months. As of November 17, 2016, the company's common stock was quoted on OTC Link, had five market makers, and was eligible for the "piggyback" exception of Exchange Act Rule 15c2-11(f)(3).

In addition to their repeated failures to file timely periodic reports, the Two Respondents failed to heed delinquency letters sent to them by the Commission's Division of Corporation Finance requesting compliance with their periodic filing obligations or, through their failures to maintain valid addresses on file with the Commission as required by Commission rules, did not receive such letters.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

Exchange Act Section 13(a) and Rules 13a-1 and 13a-13 require public corporations to file annual and quarterly reports with the Commission. "Compliance with those requirements is mandatory and may not be subject to conditions from the registrant." *America's Sports Voice, Inc.*, Exchange Act Release No. 55511, 2007 SEC LEXIS 1241, at \*12 (Mar. 22, 2007), *recons. denied*, Exchange Act Release No. 55867, 2007 SEC LEXIS 1239 (June 6, 2007). Scienter is not required to establish violations of Exchange Act Section 13(a) and Rules 13a-1 and 13a-13. *See SEC v. McNulty*, 137 F.3d 732, 740-41 (2d Cir. 1998); *SEC v. Wills*, 472 F. Supp. 1250, 1268 (D.D.C. 1978). The Two Respondents failed to file timely periodic reports. As a result, The Two Respondents failed to comply with Exchange Act Section 13(a) and Rules 13a-1 and 13a-13.

### SANCTION

Under Exchange Act Section 12(j), the Commission is authorized, "as it deems necessary or appropriate for the protection of investors," to revoke the registration of a security or suspend the registration for a period not exceeding twelve months if it finds, after notice and an opportunity for hearing, that the issuer of the security has failed to comply with any provision of the Exchange Act or rules thereunder. In determining what sanctions will ensure that investors are adequately protected, the Commission "consider[s], among other things, the seriousness of the issuer's violations, the isolated or recurrent nature of the violations, the degree of culpability involved, the extent of the issuer's efforts to remedy its past violations and ensure future compliance, and the credibility of its assurances, if any, against further violations." *Gateway Int'l Holdings, Inc.*, Exchange Act Release No. 53907, 2006 SEC LEXIS 1288, at \*19-20 (May 31, 2006).

The Two Respondents' failures to file required periodic reports are serious because the failures constitute violations of a central provision of the Exchange Act. The purpose of periodic reporting is "to supply investors with current and accurate financial information about an issuer so that they may make sound [investment] decisions." Gateway Int'l Holdings, Inc., 2006 SEC LEXIS 1288, at \*26. The reporting requirements are the primary tool that Congress fashioned for the protection of investors from negligent, careless, and deliberate misrepresentations in the sale of securities. SEC v. Beisinger Indus. Corp., 552 F.2d 15, 18 (1st Cir. 1977). The Two Respondents' violations are also recurrent in that they repeatedly failed to file periodic reports. See Nature's Sunshine Prods., Inc., Exchange Act Release No. 59268, 2009 SEC LEXIS 81, at \*20 (Jan. 21, 2009) (respondent failed to file seven required periodic reports due over a two-year period); Impax Labs., Inc., Exchange Act Release No. 57864, 2008 SEC LEXIS 1197, at \*25-26 (May 23, 2008) (respondent's failure to make eight filings over an eighteen-month period considered recurrent). The Two Respondents are also culpable because they failed to heed delinquency letters sent to them by the Division of Corporation Finance, even if, through their failures to maintain valid addresses on file with the Commission as required by Commission rules, they did not receive such letters. See China-Biotics, Inc., Exchange Act Release No. 70800, 2013 SEC LEXIS 3451, at \*37 & n.60 (Nov. 4, 2013) (holding that revocation may be warranted even without proof that a respondent was aware of its reporting obligations). Finally, the Two Respondents have not answered the OIP, appeared at the prehearing conference, responded to the show cause order, or otherwise participated in the proceeding to address whether they have made any efforts to remedy their past violations. They have also made no assurances against further violations.

For the reasons described above, it is necessary and appropriate for the protection of investors to revoke the registrations of each class of the Two Respondents' registered securities.

#### ORDER

It is ORDERED that, under Section 12(j) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrations of each class of registered securities of Vampt America, Inc., and Westport Energy Holdings, Inc., are hereby REVOKED.<sup>2</sup>

This initial decision shall become effective in accordance with and subject to the provisions of Rule 360, 17 C.F.R. § 201.360. Under this rule, a party may file a petition for review of this initial decision within twenty-one days after service of the initial decision. A party may also file a motion to correct a manifest error of fact within ten days of the initial decision, under Rule 111, 17 C.F.R. § 201.111(h). If a motion to correct a manifest error of fact is filed by a party, then a party shall have twenty-one days to file a petition for review from the date of the undersigned's order resolving such motion to correct a manifest error of fact.

This initial decision will not become final until the Commission enters an order of finality. 17 C.F.R. § 201.360(d). The Commission will enter an order of finality unless a party files a petition for review or a motion to correct a manifest error of fact or the Commission determines on its own initiative to review the initial decision as to a party. *Id.* If any of these events occur, the initial decision shall not become final as to that party. *Id.* 

A respondent may move to set aside a default. Rule 155(b) permits the Commission, at any time, to set aside a default for good cause, in order to prevent injustice and on such conditions as may be appropriate. 17 C.F.R. § 201.155(b). A motion to set aside a default shall be made within a reasonable time, state the reasons for the failure to appear or defend, and specify the nature of the proposed defense in the proceeding. *Id*.

James E. Grimes Administrative Law Judge

 $<sup>^2</sup>$  This order applies to all classes of the Two Respondents' securities registered under Section 12 of the Exchange Act, whether or not such securities are specifically identified by ticker symbol or otherwise in this initial decision.