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

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS RULINGS Release No. 1433/May 13, 2014

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING File No. 3-15784

In the Matter of

GEORGE LOUIS THEODULE

ORDER FINDING RESPONDENT IN DEFAULT AND REQUESTING MOTION FOR SANCTIONS

The Securities and Exchange Commission (Commission) issued an Order Instituting Proceedings (OIP) on March 12, 2014, pursuant to Section 15(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Section 203(f) of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940. The OIP alleges that Respondent George Louis Theodule (Theodule): was from July 2007 through December 2008 associated with two entities—never registered with the Commission and now defunct—that he used to raise investor funds; pled guilty on October 28, 2013, to one count of wire fraud in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1343 in <u>United States v. Theodule</u>, No. 9:13-cr-80141 (S.D. Fla.) (Criminal Proceeding); and was sentenced to twelve and a half years in prison and three years of supervised released in the Criminal Proceeding. OIP at 1-2.

Theodule was personally served with the OIP on April 4, 2014, in accordance with Rule 141(a)(2)(i) of the Commission's Rules of Practice. See 17 C.F.R. § 201.141(a)(2)(i). Theodule's Answer to the OIP was due within twenty days after service of the OIP, or by April 24, 2014. See OIP at 3; 17 C.F.R. §§ 201.220(b). Theodule did not file an Answer. On April 25, 2014, Theodule was ordered to show cause, by May 12, 2014, why this proceeding should not be determined against him. George Louis Theodule, Admin. Proc. Rulings Release No. 1399, 2014 SEC LEXIS 1436. Theodule did not respond to the Order to Show Cause. Accordingly, Theodule is deemed to be in default for failing to file an Answer, respond to the Order to Show Cause, or otherwise defend this proceeding. See 17 C.F.R. §§ 201.155(a), .220(f).

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. In order to prevent injustice and on such conditions as may be appropriate, the hearing officer, at any time prior to the filing of the initial

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Theodule is notified that he may move to set aside the default pursuant to Rule 155(b) of the Commission's Rules of Practice, 17 C.F.R. § 201.155(b), which states:

It is ORDERED that the Division of Enforcement (Division) shall file a motion for sanctions by Friday, May 23, 2014. The motion shall provide legal authority and evidentiary support relating to the allegations set forth in the OIP and sanctions sought by the Division in accordance with Rapoport v. SEC, 682 F.3d 98 (D.C. Cir. 2012). I FURTHER ORDER that the summary disposition briefing described in my April 14, 2014, order is CANCELED. See George Louis Theodule, Admin. Proc. Rulings Release No. 1376, 2014 SEC LEXIS 1299.

Cameron Elliot Administrative Law Judge

decision, or the Commission, at any time, may for good cause shown set aside a default.