

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

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS RULINGS  
Release No. 2308/February 12, 2015

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING  
File No. 3-16369

In the Matter of  
  
ARETE LTD.

ORDER POSTPONING HEARING  
AND SCHEDULING  
PREHEARING CONFERENCE

The Securities and Exchange Commission (Commission) issued an Order Instituting Administrative and Cease-and-Desist Proceedings (OIP) on February 4, 2015. A hearing is currently scheduled for February 17, 2015. The Commission sent the OIP Certified Mail on February 4, 2015, to Arete Ltd., c/o Bryan Hill, 194 Parkcrest, Newport Coast, CA 92657-1084. The tracking information available on USPS.com shows that as of February 7, 2015, the item was undeliverable as addressed.

On February 9, 2015, the Division of Enforcement (Division) filed a Notice of Appearance and Motion to Convert Hearing, proposing that the February 17, 2015, hearing be converted to a telephonic prehearing conference. The Division stated that the Respondent did not respond to subpoena and other information requests during the Commission's investigation, the Division is seeking to achieve service through the registered agent, and that as of the date of the filing, Respondent has not been served.

I POSTPONE the hearing scheduled to begin on February 17, 2015, and ORDER a telephonic prehearing conference on February 26, 2015 at 2:00 pm. Hopefully, service will be accomplished by that date.

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Brenda P. Murray  
Chief Administrative Law Judge