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

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS RULINGS Release No. 4357/November 16, 2016

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING

File No. 3-15936

In the Matter of

:

CHRISTOPHER A.T. PEDRAS (a/k/a CHRIS PEDRAS a/k/a ANTONE THOMAS PEDRAS)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

The Securities and Exchange Commission instituted this proceeding with an Order Instituting Proceedings (OIP) on June 18, 2014. The proceeding is a follow-on proceeding based on SEC v. Pedras, No. 13-cv-7932 (C.D. Cal. June 9, 2014), in which Respondent Christopher A.T. Pedras (a/k/a Chris Pedras a/k/a Antone Thomas Pedras), was enjoined, by default, against violations of the antifraud and registration provisions of the federal securities laws. He has also been indicted on eleven counts of wire fraud. United States v. Pedras, No. 8:13-cr-219 (C.D. Cal. Aug. 6, 2014), ECF No. 11. Pedras is incarcerated pending trial, currently set for March 7, 2017. United States v. Pedras, ECF Nos. 27, 30, 32, 35. Pedras, who was recently extradited from Tonga to face the criminal charges, was served with the OIP on September 30, 2016, by personal service and has not filed an Answer to the OIP, which was due by October 20, 2016. See OIP at 3; 17 C.F.R. § 201.220(b). The Division of Enforcement has filed a motion for default and for imposition of remedial sanctions.

Accordingly, Pedras is ORDERED TO SHOW CAUSE, by November 30, 2016, why he should not be deemed to be in default and be barred from associating with any broker, dealer, investment adviser, municipal securities dealer, municipal advisor, transfer agent, or nationally recognized statistical rating organization and from participating in an offering of penny stock. See OIP at 3; 17 C.F.R. §§ 201.155(a), .220(f).

/S/ Carol Fox Foelak
Carol Fox Foelak
Administrative Law Judge

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The United States Attorney has not, to date, requested a stay of this proceeding, pursuant to 17 C.F.R. § 201.210(c)(3), during the pendency of *United States v. Pedras*.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Thus, he would be barred from acting as a promoter, finder, consultant, or agent; or otherwise engaging in activities with a broker, dealer, or issuer for purposes of the issuance or trading in any penny stock, or inducing or attempting to induce the purchase or sale of any penny stock, pursuant to Exchange Act Section 15(b)(6)(A), (C).