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

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ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING File No. 3-17685

In the Matter of

MARK D. HOLT (a/k/a MARK D. HOLTHUSEN) ORDER FOLLOWING PREHEARING CONFERENCE

On November 17, 2016, the Securities and Exchange Commission issued an order instituting proceedings against Respondent under Section 15(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Section 203(f) of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940.

Today, I held a telephonic prehearing conference, attended by counsel for Respondent and the Division of Enforcement. Counsel informed me that a settlement of this proceeding is likely. Therefore, I ORDER a telephonic prehearing conference to be held on February 2, 2017, at 2:00 p.m. Eastern, to discuss the status of this proceeding if it has not already settled.

James E. Grimes Administrative Law Judge