Elaine M. Cacheris FILFN Sandra J. Harris Karen Matteson Ronald E. Wood Michele Wein Layne 3 | 98 FEB 19 AM 10: 35 Mark D. Lytle Patricia A. Gomez CLERK HE WITHOUT COURT CENTER TO ALIF. 5 Attorneys for Plaintiff Securities and Exchange Commission 6 5670 Wilshire Boulevard, 11th Floor Los Angeles, California 90036-3648 (213) 965-3998 8 9 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 10 CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 11 WESTERN DIVISION 12 SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION, 13 Plaintiff, Civil Action No. 14 SACV 98-135 AHS (EEX) 15 DAVID A. COLVIN; INTELLINET COMPLAINT FOR TEMPORARY PUBLISHING, INC.; INTELLINET RESTRAINING ORDER, HOLDING GROUP, INC.; MEDICAL PRELIMINARY AND PERMANENT 17 ADVANTAGE, INC.; LAMELLI, INC., INJUNCTIONS AND OTHER a/k/a LAMELLI MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY, LEGAL AND EQUITABLE RELIEF 18 INC.; WALL STREET RESEARCH COMPANY, INC.; JOB KJELL HOVIK; LAMAR ELLIS; and JOHN LARSON, a/k/a JOHN ST. JOHN, 20 Defendants. 21 22 Plaintiff Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") for its Complaint alleges: 23 24 JURISDICTION This Court has jurisdiction over this action pursuant 25 to Sections 20(b), 20(d) and 22(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 ("Securities Act") [15 U.S.C. §§ 77t(b), 77t(d) & 77v(a)]

and Sections 21(d), 21(e) and 27 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act") [15 U.S.C. §§ 78u(d), 78u(e) & 78aa].

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SUMMARY

- This action involves an ongoing fraudulent investment 2. scheme by four individuals, Defendants David A. Colvin ("Colvin"), Job Kjell Hovik ("Hovik"), Lamar Ellis ("Ellis"), and John Larson a/k/a John St. John ("Larson"); and five affiliated entities, Defendants Wall Street Research Company, Inc. ("WSRCI") (owned by Colvin), Intellinet Holding Group, Inc. ("IHGI") and its subsidiary, Intellinet Publishing, Inc. ("Intellinet") (both controlled by Colvin), Medical Advantage, Inc. ("Medical Advantage") (controlled by Colvin and Hovik), and Lamelli, Inc. a/k/a Lamelli Medical Technology, Inc. ("Lamelli") (controlled by Colvin and Ellis). From at least January 1997 through the present, the Defendants have raised at least \$5.2 million from several hundred investors nationwide in at least three securities offerings.
- Colvin, individually and through his company, 3. Intellinet, owns and operates a telephone boiler room, whose salespeople are supervised by Colvin and Larson, in Canoga Park, California. Colvin, Intellinet, and Larson operate the boiler room for the purpose of offering and selling the unregistered securities of Intellinet, Medical Advantage, and Lamelli (sometimes collectively referred to as the "three companies"). Defendants represent to investors that their investment will be placed in a trust and be used to fund a bridge loan to one of the three companies pending an initial 28 public offering ("IPO") of that company's stock, to occur

within a specified period, generally 120 days. Contrary to these representations, although solicitations and sales have been occurring continuously since at least January 1997, no IPOs for any of the three companies have yet occurred and investors have not received either the return of their principal or the interest owed to them.

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- In addition to misrepresenting that each of the three companies will go public by the end of the specified period, Colvin, Intellinet, Medical Advantage, Hovik, and Larson misrepresented and omitted to state that Colvin controls the trusts holding investor funds, as well as Intellinet and Medical Advantage.
- Additionally, contrary to the Defendants' representations that investor proceeds will be used to fund bridge loans to the three companies, Colvin has used the majority of investor monies to operate his boiler room and to make payments to the entities he controls, including WSRCI.
- Furthermore, in addition to above-referenced misrepresentations and omissions, Defendants make, and cause salespeople to make, numerous additional misrepresentations and omissions regarding the three companies, both through written materials including sales brochures, purported stock recommendations, internet Web sites, and correspondence to investors, and through telephone communications with investors.
- The Commission seeks to enjoin Defendants from 7. engaging in the transactions, acts, practices and courses of business alleged in this Complaint, and transactions, acts, 28 practices, and courses of business of similar purport and

object, for other equitable relief, including disgorgement, for payment of civil penalties, and for such further relief as the Court may deem appropriate.

THE DEFENDANTS

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- Colvin lives in Chatsworth, California. Colvin is 8. the President and Chief Executive Officer of Intellinet and IHGI, and, from approximately August 1, 1997 to October 1, 1997, was President of Medical Advantage. He has also held himself out as an officer of Lamelli. Colvin owns Intellinet, the company through which he and the other defendants sell the securities of Intellinet, Medical Advantage, and Lamelli. Colvin also owns WSRCI, and is the trustee for all of the trusts that hold funds received from investors, and controls all bank accounts in the names of those trusts.
- Intellinet, a Delaware corporation located in Canoga 9. Park, California, purports to be an international multi-media, publishing, copyright, and marketing company. Intellinet's offices are used as a telephone boiler room, run by Colvin and Larson, through which the securities of Medical Advantage and Lamelli, as well as Intellinet's own securities, are being sold. Intellinet purports to be a wholly-owned subsidiary of IHGI.
- IHGI, a Delaware corporation located in Canoga Park, California, purports to be Intellinet's holding company and claims to own 500,000 and 900,000 shares, respectively, of two other companies, Tricontinental Productions (a New Zealandbased movie production company) and Lamelli. Colvin is the 28 President and Chief Executive Officer of IHGI.

Medical Advantage, a Delaware corporation located in Las Vegas, Nevada and Canoga Park, California, purports to be an obesity research institute that operates independent clinics nationwide. Hovik is the Chairman of the Board of Medical Advantage.

- Lamelli a/k/a Lamelli Medical Technology, Inc., a 12. Delaware corporation purportedly located in San Francisco, California, claims to be a medical technology company that has developed a "detoxification system" that can detoxify a person of drugs or alcohol in as little as fifteen minutes. the Chairman of the Board of Directors of Lamelli.
- WSRCI, a Delaware corporation purportedly located in 13. New York City, claims to be a market research organization that prepares analyst reports and brochures, and makes stock recommendations. WSRCI has issued "buy" recommendations for IHGI and Medical Advantage. Undisclosed to investors, WSRCI is wholly owned and controlled by Colvin.
- Hovik resides in Carlsbad, California. Hovik is Chairman of the Board of Medical Advantage. Hovik provides updates to investors and makes frequent visits to Intellinet's offices to instruct salespeople about Medical Advantage's operations and to collect investor funds.
- Ellis resides in Pomona, California. Ellis is the Chairman of the Board of Directors of Lamelli. Ellis has visited Intellinet's offices to instruct salespeople about 26 Lamelli's operations and has collected investor funds on behalf of Lamelli.

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Larson a/k/a John St. John lives in the greater Los Angeles area. Larson is the sales manager of Intellinet and hires and trains salespeople. Larson also prepares and distributes sales scripts to salespeople and conducts daily sales meetings in which he and Colvin instruct salespeople what to tell investors about the investment and the companies.

THE FRAUDULENT SCHEME

The Defendants Have Misrepresented How They Use Investor Funds

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- 17. Since at least January 1997, the Defendants have raised at least \$5.2 million from hundreds of investors nationwide. The Defendants offered interests in Intellinet to investors from approximately January to May 1997, and raised at least \$940,000. In about April 1997, the Defendants began offering interests in Medical Advantage, and have raised at least \$3.3 million from investors. The Defendants began offering interests in Lamelli in approximately October 1997, and, to date, have raised approximately \$960,000.
- The structure of the investment is the same for Intellinet, Medical Advantage, and Lamelli. Defendants represent to investors that their funds will be pooled in a 21 22 trust and that the trust will use investor funds to make a bridge loan to the particular company being promoted. exchange for their investment, Defendants send investors a note, called a "Demand Note," and promise investors that they will return to them their principal within the period specified in the Demand Note, generally 120 days, plus interest at a 12% 28 annualized rate and shares of restricted stock in the company.

Defendants further represent to investors that the relevant company will be the subject of an IPO by the time the Demand Notes mature. Defendants also represent to investors that they will have the option to roll over their principal into common stock of the company after the IPO.

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- Colvin has opened at least fifteen different bank accounts for different trusts, each of which contains monies from approximately 35 investors. Colvin, through his sole control of investor funds in at least 15 different trust accounts, has used the majority of investor proceeds to fund the Defendants' sales operation and pay the other entities that Colvin controls, including WSRCI, rather than using the investor funds to fund the bridge loans, as represented.
- Colvin, Intellinet and Larson misrepresent to investors that the trust companies that receive investor funds are located in Washington, D.C. Contrary to those representations, all trust accounts are held in California and controlled by Colvin, who conducts all business for the trusts out of Intellinet's Canoga Park boiler room offices.

The Defendants Have Made Additional Fraudulent Misrepresentations About Each Company Promoted

- The Defendants Have Fraudulently Offered and Sold Intellinet Securities
- Colvin, Intellinet, IHGI, WSRCI, and Larson, directly and through sales representatives, offering materials drafted, selected, and reviewed by Colvin, as well as an Intellinet and/or IHGI internet Web site managed and operated by Colvin, 28 have represented to investors that Intellinet would be the

subject of an IPO within the period specified in Demand Notes issued to investors, usually 120 days. Colvin, Intellinet, IHGI, WSRCI, and Larson also represented to investors, directly and through sales representatives and offering materials, that, when investor Demand Notes matured at the end of the specified period, they would receive interest at a 12% annualized rate and shares of restricted stock in the company. Defendants also represented to investors that they have the option to receive either the return of their principal or common shares of stock in the company, which was to have become public by the maturity date of the Demand Notes. Contrary to Defendants' representations, Intellinet has not been the subject of an IPO. Moreover, Intellinet investors have not received the interest owed them or the return of their principal.

- 22. Defendants Colvin, Intellinet, IHGI, WSRCI, and
 Larson, directly and through sales representatives, offering
 materials, including an "IPO Special Report" distributed by
 WSRCI, which included a "buy" recommendation for Intellinet,
 and the internet Web site, falsely represented to Intellinet
 investors that WSRCI was an independent company, located in New
 York City, in the business of preparing stock recommendations
 and analyst reports. Contrary to those representations, WSRCI
 is owned and controlled by Colvin out of the Canoga Park
 Intellinet offices.
- 23. Defendants Colvin, Intellinet, IHGI, WSRCI, and Larson, directly and through sales representatives, offering materials, and the internet Web site, represented to investors that Intellinet had over twelve products and that profits were

being generated through the marketing of the company's products. Contrary to those representations, Intellinet did not produce any products during the offering period, has never sold any products, and has never produced a profit. Intellinet's only source of income is investor funds.

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2. The Defendants Have Fraudulently Offered and Sold Medical Advantage Securities

Colvin, Intellinet, WSRCI, Medical Advantage, Hovik, 24. and Larson, directly and through sales representatives, offering materials drafted, selected, and reviewed by Colvin and Hovik, as well as an Intellinet, IHGI and/or Medical Advantage internet Web site managed and operated by Colvin, have represented to investors that Medical Advantage would be the subject of an IPO within the period specified in Demand Notes issued to investors, usually 120 days. Colvin, Intellinet, WSRCI, Medical Advantage, Hovik, and Larson also represented, directly and through sales representatives and offering materials, that, at the end of the specified period, the investors would receive interest at a 12% annualized rate and shares of restricted stock in the company, plus the option to receive either the return of their principal or common shares of stock in the company, which was to have become public by then. Contrary to Defendants' representations, Medical Advantage has not been the subject of an IPO. Moreover, Medical Advantage investors have not received the return of their principal.

Colvin, Intellinet, WSRCI, Medical Advantage, Hovik, 28 and Larson, directly and through sales representatives and

offering materials, including an "IPO Special Report" distributed by WSRCI which included a "buy" recommendation for Medical Advantage, falsely represented to Medical Advantage investors that WSRCI, controlled by Colvin, was an independent company, located in New York City, in the business of preparing stock recommendations and analyst reports.

- 26. Colvin, Intellinet, WSRCI, Medical Advantage, Hovik, and Larson, directly and through sales representatives, offering materials, including a company sales brochure, and the internet Web site, represented to investors that the company, which purportedly has a medically monitored weight loss program available in clinics throughout the United States, had opened a clinic on Park Avenue in New York City. Contrary to those representations, Medical Advantage never operated a clinic on Park Avenue in New York City.
- 27. Colvin, Intellinet, WSRCI, Medical Advantage, Hovik, and Larson, directly and through sales representatives and offering materials, including a company sales brochure, represented to investors that the company's "flagship" clinic in Las Vegas, Nevada, which opened in January 1997, had met all of its expenses and was profitable by April 1997. Contrary to those representations, the Las Vegas clinic was not profitable, and in fact, was not able to meet expenses or pay clinic employees in a timely fashion beginning as early as February 1997 and continuing through at least June 1997.
- 28. Colvin, Intellinet, WSRCI, Medical Advantage, Hovik, and Larson, directly and through sales representatives and offering materials, represented that former United States

1 Surgeon General C. Everett Koop was a member of Medical Advantage's board of directors. Contrary to that representation, Dr. Koop is not on the board of directors, nor 3 ∥ is he affiliated with Medical Advantage in any way.

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- 29. Colvin, Intellinet, WSRCI, Medical Advantage, Hovik, and Larson, directly and through sales representatives, represented to investors that television journalist Tom Brokaw was a spokesperson for Medical Advantage. Contrary to that representation, Mr. Brokaw is not a spokesperson, nor is he affiliated with, Medical Advantage in any way.
- 30. Colvin, Intellinet, WSRCI, Medical Advantage, Hovik, and Larson, directly and through sales representatives, 13 represented to investors that Dr. Gordon Reynolds, the former Medical Director at La Costa Resort and Spa in Carlsbad, California, was the Chairman of the Medical Advisory Committee for Medical Advantage. Contrary to that representation, Dr. Reynolds is not the Chairman of the Advisory Committee, nor is 17 he affiliated with Medical Advantage.
 - Colvin, Intellinet, WSRCI, Medical Advantage, Hovik, and Larson omitted to tell investors that Colvin, along with Hovik, controls Medical Advantage and that, in or about August 1997, Norman Peterson, the former President of Medical Advantage, died and that Colvin served as Medical Advantage's president from August 1, 1997 to October 1, 1997.

The Defendants Have Fraudulently Offered and Sold 3. Lamelli Securities

32. Colvin, Intellinet, WSRCI, Medical Advantage, Hovik, and Larson, directly and through sales representatives,

offering materials drafted, selected, and reviewed by Colvin and Ellis, as well as an Intellinet, IHGI and/or Lamelli internet Web site managed and operated by Colvin, have represented to investors that Lamelli would be the subject of an IPO within the period specified in Demand Notes issued to investors. Unlike the 120-day period of the Intellinet and Medical Advantage Demand Notes, the Lamelli Demand Notes are for a term of 180 days. Colvin, Intellinet, WSRCI, Medical Advantage, Hovik, and Larson also represented, directly and through sales representatives and offering materials, that, at the end of the specified period, investors would receive interest at a 12% annualized rate and shares of restricted stock in the company, plus the option to receive either the return of their principal or common shares of stock in the company, which was to be a public company by then. Contrary to the Defendants' representations that Lamelli was to be the subject of an IPO by the time the Demand Notes matured, Lamelli has not been the subject of an IPO.

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Colvin, Intellinet, WSRCI, Lamelli, Ellis, and Larson, directly and through sales representatives and offering materials, represented that Lamelli's detoxification system was approved as an "alternative medical practice" by the National Institute of Health's ("NIH") Office of Alternative medicine. Further, Defendants, directly and through sales representatives and offering materials, represented that Lamelli's "affiliate," the Institute For Psychoanalysis, was approved by the NIH for "training in alternative medicine." Contrary to these 28 representations, the NIH has never received any applications

1 for approval, nor has it approved, any device or alternative medical practice of Lamelli or any training process used by any Lamelli affiliate, including the Institute for Psychoanalysis.

- Colvin, Intellinet, WSRCI, Lamelli, Ellis, and Larson, directly and through sales representatives and offering materials, represented that Lamelli received a \$100,000 Orphan Drug Grant from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for a drug it describes as "Busulfanex," and that Lamelli had applied for nine additional grants. Contrary to those representations, Lamelli never applied for, nor was it awarded, any grant.
- Defendants Colvin, Intellinet, WSRCI, Lamelli, Ellis, and Larson, directly and through sales representatives and offering materials, represented that Lamelli had already built 250 detoxification units and that the units were, at the time of the offering, leased to hospitals for \$50,000 each and were expected to generate revenues of \$37.5 million for Lamelli in the first quarter of 1998. Contrary to those representations, Lamelli has manufactured no working detoxification units, and has not procured any lease agreements.

FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF

OFFER AND SALE OF UNREGISTERED SECURITIES

Violations of Sections 5(a) and 5(c) of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. §§ 77e(a) & 77e(c)] (Against Defendants Colvin, Intellinet, Medical Advantage, Hovik and Larson)

Paragraphs 1 through 35 are realleged and incorporated herein by reference.

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securities. By reason of the foregoing, defendants Colvin,

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Intellinet, Medical Advantage, Hovik, and Larson violated, and unless restrained and enjoined, will continue to violate, Sections 5(a) and 5(c) of the Securities Act.

SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF

FRAUD IN THE OFFER OR SALE OF SECURITIES

Violations of Section 17(a) of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. § 77q(a)] (Against All Defendants)

- Paragraphs 1 through 35 are realleged and 40. incorporated herein by reference.
- 41. Defendants Colvin, Intellinet, IHGI, Medical Advantage, Lamelli, WSRCI, Hovik, Ellis and Larson, and each of them, by engaging in the conduct described above, directly or indirectly, in the offer or sale of securities, by the use of the means or instruments of transportation or communication in 28 interstate commerce or by the use of the mails:

'with scienter, employed devices, schemes or 1 2 artifices to defraud; 3 obtained money or property by means of untrue (b) statements of material fact or by omitting to 5 state material facts necessary in order to make the statements made, in the light of the 6 7 circumstances under which they were made, not 8 misleading; or engaged in transactions, practices or courses of (c) business which operated or would operate as a 10 11 fraud or deceit upon the purchasers of such securities; 12 in violation of Section 17(a) of the Securities Act. 13 14 42. By reason of the foregoing, defendants Colvin, 15 Intellinet, IHGI, Medical Advantage, Lamelli, WSRCI, Hovik, Ellis and Larson, violated, and unless restrained and enjoined 16 will continue to violate, Section 17(a) of the Securities Act. 17 THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF 18 FRAUD IN CONNECTION WITH THE PURCHASE OR SALE OF SECURITIES 19 Violations of Section 10(b) 20 of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78j(b)] 21 and Rule 10b-5 promulgated thereunder 22 23 [17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5] (Against All Defendants) 24 Paragraphs 1 through 35 are realleged and 25 incorporated herein by reference. 26 Defendants Colvin, Intellinet, IHGI, Medical 27

28 Advantage, Lamelli, WSRCI, Hovik, Ellis and Larson, and each of

28 incorporated herein by reference.

Defendants Colvin, Intellinet and Larson, and each of them, by engaging in the conduct described above, made use of the mails or means or instrumentalities of interstate commerce to effect transactions in or induce or attempt to induce the purchase or sale of securities, without being registered as brokers or dealers in accordance with Section 15(b) of the Exchange Act.

48. By reason of the foregoing, defendants Colvin, Intellinet and Larson violated, and unless restrained and enjoined will continue to violate, Section 15(a)(1) of the Exchange Act.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, the Commission respectfully requests that the Court:

I.

Issue findings of fact and conclusions of law that the defendants committed the alleged violations.

II.

Issue in a form consistent with Fed. R. Civ. P. 65, orders temporarily, preliminarily and permanently enjoining Defendants Colvin, Intellinet, Medical Advantage, Hovik and Larson, and their officers, agents, servants, employees, and attorneys, and those persons in active concert or participation with any of them, who receive actual notice of the order by personal 25 service or otherwise, and each of them from violating Sections 5(a) and 5(c) of the Securities Act;

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Issue in a form consistent with Fed. R. Civ. P. 65, orders temporarily, preliminarily and permanently enjoining each of the Defendants and their officers, agents, servants, employees, and attorneys, and those persons in active concert or participation with any of them, who receive actual notice of the order by personal service or otherwise, and each of them from violating Section 17(a) of the Securities Act, Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act and Rule 10b-5 thereunder;

IV.

Issue in a form consistent with Fed. R. Civ. P. 65, orders temporarily, preliminarily and permanently enjoining Defendants Colvin, Intellinet and Larson, and their officers, agents, servants, employees, and attorneys, and those persons in active concert or participation with any of them, who receive actual notice of the order by personal service or otherwise, and each of them, from violating Section 15(a)(1) of the Exchange Act;

V.

Issue in a form consistent with Fed. R. Civ. P. 65, a temporary restraining order and a preliminary injunction freezing the assets of Colvin, Intellinet, IHGI, WSRCI, Medical Advantage, Lamelli and Hovik, and prohibiting each of the Defendants from destroying documents, appointing a receiver over Defendants Intellinet, IHGI, WSRCI, Medical Advantage and Lamelli, and for accountings from Colvin, Intellinet, IHGI, WSRCI, Medical Advantage, Lamelli, and Hovik;

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Grant such other and further relief as this Court may determine to be just, equitable and necessary, including, but not limited to, disgorgement;

VII.

Enter an Order directing all Defendants to pay civil penalties under the Securities Enforcement Remedies and Penny Stock Reform Act of 1990; and

VIII.

Retain jurisdiction of this action in accordance with the principles of equity and the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure in order to implement and carry out the terms of all orders and decrees that may be entered, or to entertain any suitable application or motion for additional relief within the jurisdiction of this Court.

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