## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

#### **CASE NO. 22-60700-CIV-SMITH**

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,

ERIC A. ALEXANDER,

v.

Defendant.

# CONSENT FINAL JUDGMENT AND PERMANENT INJUNCTION <u>AS TO DEFENDANT ERIC A. ALEXANDER</u>

This cause comes before the Court upon Plaintiff Securities and Exchange Commission's Unopposed Motion for Final Judgment against Defendant Eric A. Alexander ("Motion"). On March 9, 2022, Defendant Eric A. Alexander ("Alexander") consented to the entry of Final Judgment against him [DE 3-1]. In so doing, Alexander waived any requirements for findings of fact and conclusions of law, and any right to appeal Final Judgment. Upon review and given Alexander's signed Consent, Plaintiff's Motion is GRANTED. The Court further orders as follows:

## I. PERMANENT INJUNCTIVE RELIEF

## A. Section 17(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 ("Securities Act")

IT IS ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that Alexander is permanently restrained and enjoined from violating Section 17(a) of the Securities Act, 15 U.S.C. § 77q(a), in the offer or sale of any security, by the use of any means or instruments of transportation or communication in interstate commerce or by use of the mails, directly or indirectly:

- (a) to employ any device, scheme, or artifice to defraud;
- (b) to obtain money or property by means of any untrue statement of material fact or any omission of a material fact necessary in order to make the statements made, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; or
- (c) to engage in any transaction, practice, or course of business which operates or would operate as a fraud or deceit upon the purchaser,

## with respect to:

- (1) any investment strategy or investment in securities,
- (2) the prospects for success of any product or company,
- (3) the use of investor funds, or
- (4) whether any investment product is a security or required to be registered under the securities laws.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that, as provided in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 65(d)(2), the foregoing paragraph also binds the following who receive actual notice of this Final Judgment by personal service or otherwise: (a) Alexander's officers, agents, servants, employees, and attorneys; and (b) other persons in active concert or participation with Alexander or with anyone described in (a).

### B. Section 10(b) and Rule 10b-5 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act")

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that Alexander is permanently restrained and enjoined from violating, directly or indirectly, Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. § 78j(b), and Rule 10b-5 promulgated thereunder, 17C.F.R. § 240.10b-5, by using any means or instrumentality of interstate commerce, or of the mails, or of any facility of any national securities exchange, in connection with the purchase or sale of any security:

- (a) to employ any device, scheme, or artifice to defraud;
- (b) to make any untrue statement of a material fact or to omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements made, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; or
- (c) to engage in any act, practice, or course of business which operates or would operate as a fraud or deceit upon any person,

#### with respect to:

- (1) any investment strategy or investment in securities,
- (2) the prospects for success of any product or company,
- (3) the use of investor funds, or
- (4) whether any investment product is a security or required to be registered under the securities laws.

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II.

## **CIVIL PENALTY**

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that Alexander is liable to the Commission for a civil penalty of \$100,000 pursuant to Section 20(d) of the Securities Act, 15 U.S.C. § 77t(d), and Section 21(d)(3) of the Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. § 78u(d)(3). Alexander shall satisfy his civil penalty obligations by paying the total of \$100,000 to the Securities and Exchange Commission within 30

days of entry of this Final Judgment.

Alexander may transmit payment electronically to the Commission, which will provide detailed ACH transfer/Fedwire instructions upon request. Payment may also be made directly from bank Pay.gov through the SEC website a account via at http://www.sec.gov/about/offices/ofm.htm. Alexander may also pay by certified check, bank cashier's check, or United States postal money order payable to the Securities and Exchange Commission, which shall be delivered or mailed to

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and shall be accompanied by a letter identifying the case title, civil action number, and name of this Court; Alexander as Defendant in this action; and specifying that payment is made pursuant to this Final Judgment.

Alexander shall simultaneously transmit photocopies of evidence of payment and case identifying information to the Commission's counsel in this action. By making this payment, Alexander relinquishes all legal and equitable right, title, and interest in such funds and no part of the funds shall be returned to Alexander.

The Commission may enforce the Court's judgment for penalties by the use of all collection procedures authorized by law, including the Federal Debt Collection Procedures Act, 28 U.S.C. § 3001 *et seq.*, and moving for civil contempt for the violation of any orders Court issued in this action. Alexander shall pay post judgment interest on any amounts due after 30 days of the entry of this Final Judgment pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1961. The Commission shall hold the funds,

together with any interest and income earned thereon (collectively, the "Fund"), pending further order of the Court.

The Commission may propose a plan to distribute the Fund subject to the Court's approval. Such a plan may provide that the Fund shall be distributed pursuant to the Fair Fund provisions of Section 308(a) of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. The Court shall retain jurisdiction over the administration of any distribution of the Fund and the Fund may only be disbursed pursuant to an Order of the Court.

Regardless of whether any such Fair Fund distribution is made, amounts ordered to be paid as civil penalties pursuant to this Judgment shall be treated as penalties paid to the government for all purposes, including all tax purposes. To preserve the deterrent effect of the civil penalty, Alexander shall not, after offset or reduction of any award of compensatory damages in any Related Investor Action based on Alexander's payment of disgorgement in this action, argue that he is entitled to, nor shall he further benefit by, offset or reduction of such compensatory damages award by the amount of any part of Alexander's payment of a civil penalty in this action ("Penalty Offset"). If the court in any Related Investor Action grants such a Penalty Offset, Alexander shall, within 30 days after entry of a final order granting the Penalty Offset, notify the Commission's counsel in this action and pay the amount of the Penalty Offset to the United States Treasury or to a Fair Fund, as the Commission directs. Such a payment shall not be deemed an additional civil penalty and shall not be deemed to change the amount of the civil penalty imposed in this Judgment. For purposes of this paragraph, a "Related Investor Action" means a private damages action brought against Alexander by or on behalf of one or more investors based on substantially the same facts as alleged in the Complaint in this action.

III.

## **OFFICER AND DIRECTOR BAR**

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that, pursuant to Section 21(d)(2) of the Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. § 78u(d)(2), and Section 20(e) of the Securities Act, 15 U.S.C. § 77t(e), Alexander is prohibited, for five years following the date of entry of this Final Judgment, from acting as an officer or director of any issuer that has a class of securities registered pursuant to Section 12 of the Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. § 78l, or that is required to file reports pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. § 78o(d).

IV.

#### **INCORPORATION OF CONSENT**

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND ADJUDGED** that the Consent [DE 3-1] is incorporated herein with the same force and effect as if fully set forth herein, and Alexander shall comply with all of the undertakings and agreements set forth therein.

V.

#### **RETENTION OF JURISDICTION**

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that this Court shall retain jurisdiction of this matter and over Alexander in order to enforce the terms of this Final Judgment and all Orders and Decrees that may be entered, and for any other relief that this Court deems appropriate under the circumstances.

VI.

## **BANKRUPTCY NONDISCHARGEABILITY**

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that, solely for purposes of exceptions to discharge set forth in Section 523 of the Bankruptcy Code, 11 U.S.C. § 523, any debt for civil penalty or other amounts due by Alexander under this Final Judgment or any other judgment, order, consent order, decree, or settlement agreement entered in connection with this proceeding, is a debt for the violation, by Alexander, of the federal securities laws or any regulation or order issued under such laws, as set forth in Section 523(a)(19) of the Bankruptcy Code, 11 U.S.C. § 523(a)(19).

This Case is **CLOSED**.

**DONE AND ORDERED** in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 4th day of May 2022.

RODNEY SMITH

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

cc Counsel of record