

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Before the
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
Release No. 73680 / November 25, 2014

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING
File No. 3-16287

In the Matter of

Joseph Meuse,

Respondent.

ORDER INSTITUTING
ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS
PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(b) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
AND NOTICE OF HEARING

I.

The Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) deems it appropriate and in the public interest that public administrative proceedings be, and hereby are, instituted pursuant to Section 15(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Exchange Act”) against Joseph Meuse (“Respondent” or “Meuse”).

II.

After an investigation, the Division of Enforcement alleges that:

A. RESPONDENT

1. From April 2004 through at least September 2009, Meuse was the founder, president and sole owner of Belmont Partners, LLC (“Belmont”), a company whose core business was to obtain and later sell blocks of controlling shares of publicly traded “shell corporations” for their use in reverse mergers. From May 2008 through January 2014, he was also the president and majority owner of Pacific Stock and Transfer Company (“PSTC”), a transfer agent registered with the Commission. From January 2005 through January 2011, Meuse was associated with various broker-dealers registered with the Commission. Meuse served as a director of Alternative Green

Technologies, Inc. (“AGTI”) in October 2008. Meuse, 44 years old, is a resident of Warrenton, VA.

B. ENTRY OF THE INJUNCTION

2. On January 8, 2014, a final judgment was entered by consent against Meuse, permanently enjoining him from future violations of Sections 5(a) and 5(c) of the Securities Act of 1933 (“Securities Act”) and Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act and Rule 10b-5 thereunder, in the civil action entitled Securities and Exchange Commission v. Alternative Green Technologies, Inc., et al., Civil Action Number 11-CV-9056, in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York.

3. The Commission’s complaint alleged that, from September 2008 through September 2009, Meuse assisted AGTI and its CEO, Mitchell Segal, in a series of fraudulent activities in order to sell unregistered AGTI stock to the public without a valid registration exemption. These activities included Meuse assisting AGTI and Segal in creating false, backdated, and fabricated documents and furnishing them to an attorney for use in drafting an opinion letter advising the transfer agent that the restricted legend could be lawfully removed from a stock certificate so that the shares could be deposited in a brokerage account for sale in the public market.

III.

In view of the allegations made by the Division of Enforcement, the Commission deems it necessary and appropriate in the public interest that public administrative proceedings be instituted to determine:

A. Whether the allegations set forth in Section II hereof are true and, in connection therewith, to afford Respondent an opportunity to establish any defenses to such allegations;

B. What, if any, remedial action is appropriate in the public interest against Respondent pursuant to Section 15(b) of the Exchange Act.

IV.

IT IS ORDERED that a public hearing for the purpose of taking evidence on the questions set forth in Section III hereof shall be convened at a time and place to be fixed, and before an Administrative Law Judge to be designated by further order as provided by Rule 110 of the Commission’s Rules of Practice, 17 C.F.R. § 201.110.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Respondent shall file an Answer to the allegations contained in this Order within twenty (20) days after service of this Order, as provided by Rule 220 of the Commission’s Rules of Practice, 17 C.F.R. § 201.220.

If Respondent fails to file the directed answer, or fails to appear at a hearing after being duly notified, the Respondent may be deemed in default and the proceedings may be determined against him upon consideration of this Order, the allegations of which may be deemed to be true as provided by Rules 155(a), 220(f), 221(f) and 310 of the Commission's Rules of Practice, 17 C.F.R. §§ 201.155(a), 201.220(f), 201.221(f) and 201.310.

This Order shall be served forthwith upon Respondent as provided for in the Commission's Rules of Practice.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Administrative Law Judge shall issue an initial decision no later than 210 days from the date of service of this Order, pursuant to Rule 360(a)(2) of the Commission's Rules of Practice.

In the absence of an appropriate waiver, no officer or employee of the Commission engaged in the performance of investigative or prosecuting functions in this or any factually related proceeding will be permitted to participate or advise in the decision of this matter, except as witness or counsel in proceedings held pursuant to notice. Since this proceeding is not "rule making" within the meaning of Section 551 of the Administrative Procedure Act, it is not deemed subject to the provisions of Section 553 delaying the effective date of any final Commission action.

For the Commission, by its Secretary, pursuant to delegated authority.

Brent J. Fields
Secretary