

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Before the
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
Release No. 75891 / September 10, 2015

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING
File No. 3-16805

In the Matter of

SHAWN A. BECKER,

Respondent.

ORDER INSTITUTING
ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS
PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(b) OF
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE
ACT OF 1934, MAKING FINDINGS,
AND IMPOSING REMEDIAL
SANCTIONS

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 Shawn A. Becker (“Becker” or “Respondent”).

II.

In anticipation of the institution of these proceedings, Respondent has submitted an Offer of Settlement (the “Offer”) which the Commission has determined to accept. Solely for the purpose of these proceedings and any other proceedings brought by or on behalf of the Commission, or to which the Commission is a party, and without admitting or denying the findings herein, except as to the Commission’s jurisdiction over him and the subject matter of these proceedings and the findings contained in Section III.2. below, which are admitted, Respondent consents to the entry of this Order Instituting Administrative Proceedings Pursuant to Section 15(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Making Findings, and Imposing Remedial Sanctions (“Order”), as set forth below.

III.

On the basis of this Order and Respondent's Offer, the Commission finds that:

1. Becker, age 55, is a resident of Overland Park, Kansas. During the time period relevant to this proceeding, Becker purported to perform investor relations services for micro-cap companies through various entities, including Grace Consulting Corporation ("Grace Consulting"). Becker was associated with various broker-dealer firms from 1983 until 1994, when he terminated his association with a brokerage firm in Kansas City, Missouri. Becker held Series 7 and 63 securities licenses. From 2009 through at least 2012, the period relevant to this proceeding, Becker was not registered with the Commission as a broker-dealer or associated with a registered broker-dealer.

2. On July 21, 2015, a final judgment was entered by consent against Becker, permanently enjoining him from future violations of Sections 5, 17(a)(1) and 17(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933; and Sections 9(a), 10(b), and 15(a) of the Exchange Act and Rules 10b-5 (a) and (c) thereunder, and Rule 101 of Regulation M thereunder, in the civil action entitled Securities and Exchange Commission v. S. Paul Kelley, et al., Civil Action Number 2:14-cv-02827-SRC-CLW, in the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey.

3. The Commission's complaint alleged that from September 2009 through 2012, Becker engaged in schemes to manipulate the price and volume of the securities of China Auto Logistics Inc. ("China Auto"), Guanwei Recycling Corp. ("Guanwei"), and Kandi Technologies Corp. ("Kandi") by creating the false or misleading appearance of an active market in these securities and inducing the purchase or sale of the securities by others. The complaint also alleges that in furtherance of the schemes Becker engaged in manipulative trading techniques including: trading at successively higher prices in order to bid up the price of the stock and induce others to buy; coordinating trading between and among others involved in the schemes, particularly at key price points; engaging in coordinated trading to prevent price declines; "marking the close" of the stock (a manipulative trading technique that involves submitting trade orders at or near the close of the market that are executed, in order to affect the closing price of the security); and engaging in matched and wash trading of the stock. The complaint also alleged that Becker received transaction-based compensation in the form of stock in the three companies for soliciting investors. In addition, the complaint alleged that Becker sold unregistered securities, acted as an unregistered broker-dealer, and while participating in the distribution of these securities, he bid for, purchased, or attempted to induce others to bid for or purchase, these securities during the restricted period of the distribution.

IV.

In view of the foregoing, the Commission deems it appropriate and in the public interest to impose the sanctions agreed to in Respondent Becker's Offer.

Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED pursuant to Section 15(b)(6) of the Exchange Act that Respondent Becker be, and hereby is barred from association with any broker, dealer, investment

adviser, municipal securities dealer, municipal advisor, transfer agent, or nationally recognized statistical rating organization; and

Pursuant to Section 15(b)(6) of the Exchange Act that Respondent Becker be, and hereby is barred from participating in any offering of a penny stock, including: acting as a promoter, finder, consultant, agent or other person who engages 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.

Any reapplication for association or participation by the Respondent will be subject to the applicable laws and regulations governing the reentry process, and reentry may be conditioned upon a number of factors, including, but not limited to, the satisfaction of any or all of the following: (a) any disgorgement ordered against the Respondent, whether or not the Commission has fully or partially waived payment of such disgorgement; (b) any arbitration award related to the conduct that served as the basis for the Commission order; (c) any self-regulatory organization arbitration award to a customer, whether or not related to the conduct that served as the basis for the Commission order; and (d) any restitution order by a self-regulatory organization, whether or not related to the conduct that served as the basis for the Commission order.

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

Brent J. Fields
Secretary