UNITED STATES OF AMERICA Before the SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING File No. 3-20274

In the Matter of

DANIELS CORPORATE ADVISORY COMPANY, INC.,

Respondent.

ORDER INSTITUTING CEASE-AND-DESIST PROCEEDINGS PURSUANT TO SECTION 21C OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934, MAKING FINDINGS, AND IMPOSING A CEASE-AND-DESIST ORDER

I.

The Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") deems it appropriate that cease-and-desist proceedings be, and hereby are, instituted pursuant to Section 21C of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act"), against Daniels Corporate Advisory Company, Inc. ("Daniels" 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 it and the subject matter of these proceedings, which are admitted, Respondent consents to the entry of this Order Instituting Cease-and-Desist Proceedings Pursuant to Section 21C of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Making Findings, and Imposing a Cease-and-Desist Order ("Order"), as set forth below.

III.

On the basis of this Order and Respondent's Offer, the Commission finds¹ that:

Summary

- 1. These proceedings arise out of the violation of Exchange Act Rule 12b-25, which requires that issuers that fail to file timely a periodic report shall file a Form 12b-25 "Notification of Late Filing," commonly known as "Form NT," which contains, among other things, reasonable detail as to why the issuer's periodic report could not be filed on time and an explanation of any anticipated, significant changes in the issuer's results of operations.
- 2. In July 2019, Daniels violated Rule 12b-25 by filing a Form 12b-25 with the Commission in which Daniels failed to disclose why, in sufficient detail under the circumstances presented, its second-quarter, fiscal year ("FY") 2019 Form 10-Q could not be timely filed. Daniels' Form 12b-25 also failed to acknowledge anticipated, significant changes in Daniels' results of operations for the second quarter of FY2019, compared with Daniels' operating results in the second quarter of FY2018, and to provide an explanation of the changes, as required under the rule. One week after filing its Form 12b-25, Daniels filed an amended first-quarter FY2019 Form 10-Q disclosing to investors and the market that its previously-filed financial statements for the first quarter of FY2019 should no longer be relied upon. Daniels, however, had failed to include in its Form 12b-25 any disclosure that the discovery, and ongoing correction, of errors in its first-quarter FY2019 financial statements were among the principal reasons that it was unable to file timely the subject Form 10-Q.

Respondent

3. <u>Daniels</u>, a Nevada corporation based in Forest Hills, New York, is engaged in the business of offering corporate financial consulting services and also refurbishes, sells, and rents "Class 8" heavy-duty trucks. Daniels common stock is registered under Section 12(g) of the Exchange Act and is quoted on the OTCQB Venture Market.

Legal Framework and Facts

4. Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act and Rules 13a-1 and 13a-13 thereunder require issuers with a security registered pursuant to Section 12 of the Exchange Act to file with the Commission annual reports on Form 10-K and quarterly reports on Form 10-Q.

The findings herein are made pursuant to Respondent's Offer of Settlement and are not binding on any other person or entity in this or any other proceeding.

- 5. Rule 12b-25 provides that if an issuer fails to file a Form 10-K or 10-Q within the time period prescribed for such report, the issuer, no later than one business day after the due date for such report, shall file a Form 12b-25 with the Commission, disclosing the issuer's inability to file the report timely and the reasons therefore in reasonable detail. Form 12b-25 requires the issuer to affirm, among other things, that the subject periodic report will be filed within fifteen calendar days, for a Form 10-K, or within five calendar days, for a Form 10-Q, of the report's prescribed due date, and requires that the report actually be filed within such period. Form 12b-25 also requires the issuer to confirm whether or not it anticipates that any significant change in results of operations from the corresponding period for the prior fiscal year will be reflected by the earnings statements to be included in the subject periodic report. If such change is anticipated, the issuer must attach a narrative and quantitative explanation of the anticipated change and, if appropriate, state the reasons why a reasonable estimate of the results cannot be made.
- 6. On July 15, 2019, Daniels filed with the Commission a Form 12b-25 disclosing only that Daniels could not file timely its Form 10-Q for its FY2019 second quarter, ended May 31, 2019, because: "The Registrant has been unable to complete all aspects of its Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended May 31, 2019 on, or prior to, the prescribed due date."
- 7. Furthermore, in its Form 12b-25, Daniels affirmed that it would file the subject Form 10-Q within the five-calendar-day extension period and indicated that it did not anticipate that any significant change in results of operations from the corresponding period for the prior fiscal year would be reflected in the subject Form 10-Q.
- 8. On July 22, 2019, Daniels filed with the Commission its second-quarter FY2019 Form 10-Q and also an amended Form 10-Q for its FY2019 first quarter, ended February 28, 2019, which restated Daniels' financial statements for the FY2019 first quarter and disclosed that the previously-filed financials for that quarter should no longer be relied upon. As explained in the amended Form 10-Q: "In the course of its financial statements closing process subsequent to the period ended February 28, 2019, the CEO and CFO ... of Daniels ... determined that the Company's interim financial statements for the three months ended February 28, 2019, could no longer be relied upon. Specifically, Management discovered an overstatement of sales and cost of sales which should not have been recognized during the three months ended February 28, 2019."
- 9. Daniels' inability to meet the filing deadline for its second-quarter FY2019 Form 10-Q was due, in large part, to the discovery, and ongoing correction, of errors in its first-quarter FY2019 financial statements. In its Form 12b-25, however, Daniels failed to disclose this information and failed to provide the detailed narratives and quantitative explanation specifically called for by the form. The company anticipated that its second-quarter FY2019 financial results, when reported, would include \$1.096 million in revenue from its truck-related business, thereby differing significantly from its financial results for the second quarter of FY2018, when the company reported having no operating revenue at all.

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Form 12b-25 specifies a "narrative" disclosure. (See Form 12b-25, Part III.)

Violations

10. As a result of the conduct described above, Daniels violated Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act and Rule 12b-25 thereunder.

IV.

In view of the foregoing, the Commission deems it appropriate to impose the sanctions agreed to in Respondent Daniels' Offer.

Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED that:

- A. Pursuant to Section 21C of the Exchange Act, Respondent Daniels cease and desist from committing or causing any violations and any future violations of Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act and Rule 12b-25 thereunder.
- B. Respondent shall pay civil penalties of \$25,000 to the Securities and Exchange Commission for transfer to the general fund of the United States Treasury, subject to Exchange Act Section 21F(g)(3). Payment shall be made in the following four installments: (1) \$5,000 within 14 days of entry of this order; (2) \$7,500 within 180 days of entry of this order; (3) \$6,250 within 270 days of entry of this order; and (4) \$6,250 within 360 days of entry of this order. Payments shall be applied first to post order interest, which accrues pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3717. Prior to making the final payment set forth herein, Respondent shall contact the staff of the Commission for the amount due. If Respondent fails to make any payment by the date agreed and/or in the amount agreed according to the schedule set forth above, all outstanding payments under this Order, including post-order interest, minus any payments made, shall become due and payable immediately at the discretion of the staff of the Commission without further application to the Commission.

Payment must be made in one of the following ways:

- (1) Respondent may transmit payment electronically to the Commission, which will provide detailed ACH transfer/Fedwire instructions upon request;
- (2) Respondent may make direct payment from a bank account via Pay.gov through the SEC website at http://www.sec.gov/about/offices/ofm.htm; or
- (3) Respondent may pay by certified check, bank cashier's check, or United States postal money order, made payable to the Securities and Exchange Commission and hand-delivered or mailed to:

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Oklahoma City, OK 73169

Payments by check or money order must be accompanied by a cover letter identifying Daniels as a Respondent in these proceedings, and the file number of these proceedings; a copy of the cover letter and check or money order must be sent to Anita B. Bandy, Associate Director, Division of Enforcement, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F St., NE, Washington, DC 20549.

C. Amounts ordered to be paid as civil money penalties pursuant to this Order 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, Respondent agrees that in any Related Investor Action, it shall not argue that it is entitled to, nor shall it benefit by, offset or reduction of any award of compensatory damages by the amount of any part of Respondent's payment of a civil penalty in this action ("Penalty Offset"). If the court in any Related Investor Action grants such a Penalty Offset, Respondent agrees that it 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 Securities and Exchange Commission. 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 proceeding. For purposes of this paragraph, a "Related Investor Action" means a private damages action brought against Respondent by or on behalf of one or more investors based on substantially the same facts as alleged in the Order instituted by the Commission in this proceeding.

By the Commission.

Vanessa A. Countryman Secretary