

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**  
**Before the**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**  
**Release No. 95649 / August 31, 2022**

**ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING**  
**File No. 3-21021**

**In the Matter of**

**MICAH J. ELDRED,**

**Respondent.**

**ORDER INSTITUTING ADMINISTRATIVE  
PROCEEDINGS PURSUANT TO SECTION  
15(b)(6) and 17A(c)(4) 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)(6) and 17A(c)(4) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Exchange Act”) against Micah J. Eldred (“Respondent” or “Eldred”).

**II.**

After an investigation, the Division of Enforcement alleges that:

**A. RESPONDENT**

1. Beginning in 2001, Eldred was a registered principal and representative of Spartan Securities Group, Ltd., which at all material times was a Commission-registered broker-dealer; and was also the Chief Executive Officer of Island Capital Management LLC, which at all material times was a Commission-registered transfer agent. Eldred, 54 years old, is a resident of Pinellas Park, Florida.

**B. ENTRY OF THE INJUNCTION AGAINST RESPONDENT**

2. On August 10, 2022, after entry of a jury verdict against Eldred, a District Court Judge entered a final judgment against Eldred, enjoining him for a period of five (5) years

from future violations of Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act and Rule 10b-5(b) thereunder, in the civil action entitled Securities and Exchange Commission v. Eldred, et al., Civil Action Number 8:19-cv-00448-VMC-CPT, in the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida.

3. The Commission's complaint alleged, among other things, that from May 2011 through at least May 2014, Eldred, in connection with the purchase or sale of securities, made material misrepresentations and omissions in violation of Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act and Rule 10b-5(b) thereunder. For example, Eldred made material misrepresentations and omissions when assisting issuers in the process of becoming publicly quoted, including in applications or submissions made pursuant to Exchange Act Rule 15c2-11. Eldred made misrepresentations and omissions to the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA") when submitting Form 211 applications for issuers seeking to initiate or resume quotations of the issuer's security. Eldred's misrepresentations and omissions to FINRA related to, among other things, the identity of consultants or persons in control of the issuers; the issuer's plans for potential mergers or acquisitions; and, the identity of the person or entity for whom a security's quotation was being submitted. Eldred also initiated and provided false information for applications filed with the Depository Trust Company ("DTC") or its participants when seeking DTC eligibility for issuers, including making misrepresentations and omissions related to whether issuers were shell or blank check companies.

### 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; and

B. What, if any, remedial action is appropriate in the public interest against Respondent pursuant to Section 15(b) and 17A of the Exchange Act.

### IV.

IT IS ORDERED that a public hearing before the Commission 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 by further order of the Commission, pursuant to 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(b) of the Commission's Rules of Practice, 17 C.F.R. § 201.220(b).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Division of Enforcement and Respondent shall conduct a prehearing conference pursuant to Rule 221 of the Commission's Rules of Practice, 17 C.F.R. § 201.221, within fourteen (14) days of service of the Answer. The parties may meet in person or participate by telephone or other remote means; following the conference, they shall file a statement with the Office of the Secretary advising the Commission of any agreements reached at said conference. If a prehearing conference was not held, a statement shall be filed with the Office of the Secretary advising the Commission of that fact and of the efforts made to meet and confer.

If Respondent fails to file the directed Answer, or fails to appear at a hearing or conference 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 by any means permitted by the Commission's Rules of Practice.

The Commission finds that it would serve the interests of justice and not result in prejudice to any party to provide, pursuant to Rule 100(c) of the Commission's Rules of Practice, 17 C.F.R. § 201.100(c), that notwithstanding any contrary reference in the Rules of Practice to service of paper copies, service to the Division of Enforcement of all opinions, orders, and decisions described in Rule 141, 17 C.F.R. § 201.141, and all papers described in Rule 150(a), 17 C.F.R. § 201.150(a), in these proceedings shall be by email to the attorneys who enter an appearance on behalf of the Division, and not by paper service.

Attention is called to Rule 151(a), (b) and (c) of the Commission's Rules of Practice, 17 C.F.R. § 201.151(a), (b) and (c), providing that when, as here, a proceeding is set before the Commission, all papers (including those listed in the following paragraph) shall be filed electronically in administrative proceedings using the Commission's Electronic Filings in Administrative Proceedings (eFAP) system access through the Commission's website, [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov), at <http://www.sec.gov/eFAP>. Respondent also must serve and accept service of documents electronically. All motions, objections, or applications will be decided by the Commission.

The Commission finds that it would serve the interests of justice and not result in prejudice to any party to provide, pursuant to Rule 100(c) of the Commission's Rules of Practice, 17 C.F.R. § 201.100(c), that notwithstanding any contrary reference in the Rules of Practice to filing with or disposition by a hearing officer, all filings, including those under Rules 210, 221, 222, 230, 231, 232, 233, and 250 of the Commission's Rules of Practice, 17 C.F.R. §§ 201.210, 221, 222, 230, 231, 232, 233, and 250, shall be directed to and, as appropriate, decided by the Commission. This proceeding shall be deemed to be one under the 75-day timeframe specified in Rule of Practice 360(a)(2)(i), 17 C.F.R. § 201.360(a)(2)(i), for the purposes of applying Rules of Practice 233 and 250, 17 C.F.R. §§ 201.233 and 250.

The Commission finds that it would serve the interests of justice and not result in prejudice to any party to provide, pursuant to Rule 100(c) of the Commission's Rules of Practice, 17 C.F.R. § 201.100(c), that the Commission shall issue a decision on the basis of the record in this proceeding, which shall consist of the items listed at Rule 350(a) of the Commission's Rules of Practice, 17 C.F.R. § 201.350(a), and any other document or item filed with the Office of the Secretary and accepted into the record by the Commission. The provisions of Rule 351 of the Commission's Rules of Practice, 17 C.F.R. § 201.351, relating to preparation and certification of a record index by the Office of the Secretary or the hearing officer are not applicable to this proceeding.

The Commission will issue a final order resolving the proceeding after one of the following: (A) The completion of post-hearing briefing in a proceeding where the public hearing has been completed; (B) The completion of briefing on a motion for a ruling on the pleadings or a motion for summary disposition pursuant to Rule 250 of the Commission's Rules of Practice, 17 C.F.R. § 201.250, where the Commission has determined that no public hearing is necessary; or (C) The determination that a party is deemed to be in default under Rule 155 of the Commission's Rules of Practice, 17 C.F.R. § 201.155, and no public hearing is necessary.

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.

Vanessa A. Countryman  
Secretary