

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

**SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**  
**Release No. 102741 / March 27, 2025**

**ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING**  
**File No. 3-22467**

**In the Matter of**

**ERIK MATZ,**

**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 Erik Matz (“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, Respondent admits the Commission’s jurisdiction over him and the subject matter of these proceedings, and the findings contained in paragraph III.2 below, and consents to the entry of this Order Instituting 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. From approximately January 2014 to July 2017, Respondent solicited the offer and sale of the securities of National Waste Management Holdings Inc. ("NWMH"), Intelligent Content Enterprises, Inc. ("ICEIF"), CES Synergies, Inc. ("CESX"), and Hydrocarb Energy Corp. (HECC"), while acting as an unregistered broker. Respondent, 51 years old, is a resident of Hicksville, New York.

2. On April 11, 2018, Respondent pled guilty to conspiracy to commit securities fraud in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 371, before the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York, in *United States v. Chartier, et al.*, No. 17-cr-00372-JS-AYS. On May 20, 2024, a judgment in the criminal case was entered against Respondent. He was sentenced to a prison term of time served followed by three years of supervised release.

3. In connection with that plea, Respondent admitted that he, in concert with others, engaged in a scheme to defraud investors by cold-calling investors in New York and other states to invest in securities and knowingly and intentionally misleading them as to the true value of securities he recommended they purchase. Respondent also admitted that, in concert with others, he engaged in trading in those securities that was designed to artificially inflate their share price and create demand, and then he sold his shares in those securities for a profit.

### IV.

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

Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED pursuant to Section 15(b)(6) of the Exchange Act, that Respondent Matz 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.

Any reapplication for association 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, compliance with the Commission's order and payment of any or all of the following: (a) any disgorgement or civil penalties ordered by a Court against the Respondent in any action brought by the Commission; (b) any disgorgement amounts ordered against the Respondent for which the Commission waived payment; (c) any arbitration award related to the conduct that served as the basis for the Commission order; (d) 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 (e) any restitution order by a self-regulatory organization, whether or not related to the conduct that served as the basis for the Commission order.

By the Commission.

Vanessa A. Countryman  
Secretary