UNITED STATES OF AMERICA Before the SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING File No. 3-16223

In the Matter of

SANDS BROTHERS ASSET MANAGEMENT, LLC, STEVEN SANDS, MARTIN SANDS AND CHRISTOPHER KELLY, RECEIVED

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Respondents.

DECLARATION OF NANCY A. BROWN IN SUPPORT OF THE DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT'S RESPONSE TO THE COURT'S ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

- I, Nancy A. Brown, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, declare as follows:
- 1. I am Senior Trial Counsel in the Division of Enforcement (the "Division"). I submit this declaration in support of the Division's response to the Court's Order to Show Cause, dated February 25, 2015. I am fully familiar with the facts and circumstances herein.
- 2. On August 7, 2013, during the investigation that led up to this proceeding, I participated in a telephone call with Martin Kaplan, current counsel to Sands Brothers Asset Management LLC ("SBAM"), Wendy Tepperman, Assistant Director in the Division, and a former Division staff member.
- 3. In that conversation, Mr. Kaplan agreed that SBAM had not distributed the audited financial statements for its managed funds to investors within the time frame set out in

the Custody Rule. He ascribed the late delivery to the fact that the Chief Compliance Officer did not understand the Custody Rule. He added that Martin Sands and Steven Sands relied on the Chief Compliance Officer and noted his view that the only issue was how responsibility for the late delivery of the financial statements should be allocated.

- 4. In that conversation, Mr. Kaplan said nothing to lead us to believe that he was not representing Christopher Kelly, as he had at Mr. Kelly's testimony in May 2013.
- 5. Attached hereto as Exhibit A is a true and correct copy of the Notice of Appeal from the court's decision denying disqualification in <u>GEM HoldCo, LLC v. Changing World Technologies, L.P.</u>, 46 Misc. 3d 1207 (N.Y. Sup. Ct. 2015).

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on March 12, 2014 New York, NY



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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF NEW YORK

GEM HOLDCO, LLC, GEM VENTURES, LTD., GLOBAL EMERGING MARKETS NORTH AMERICA, INC., CHRISTOPHER BROWN, EDWARD TOBIN, and DEMETRIOS DIAKIOLOS,

Plaintiffs,

-against-

CHANGING WORLD TECHNOLOGIES, L.P., CWT CANADA II LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, RESOURCE RECOVERY CORPORATION, JEAN NOELTING, RIDGELINE ENERGY SERVICES, INC., DENNIS DANZIK, BRUCE A. MACFARLANE, TONY KER, RICHARD CARRIGAN, DOUGLAS JOHNSON, and KELLY SLEDZ,

Defendants.

CWT CANADA II LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, RESOURCE RECOVERY CORPORATION and JEAN NOELTING,

Third-Party Plaintiffs,

-against-

CHRISTOPHER BROWN, EDWARD TOBIN, RES MANAGEMENT, INC., ELIZABETH DANZIK and DEJA II, LLC.

Third-Party Defendants.

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Justice Shirley W. Kornreich

NOTICE OF APPEAL

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Defendants Changing World Technologies, L.P., Ridgeline Energy Services, Inc. a/k/a RDX Technologies, Inc., Dennis Danzik, Tony Ker, and Richard Carrigan (collectively, the "RDX Defendants") hereby appeal to the Appellate Division of the State of New York, First Department, from the Decision and Order of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, New York County (Kornreich, J.) dated January 9, 2015, attached hereto as Exhibit A, which was entered by the Clerk of Court on January 9, 2015 and served on

the RDX Defendants with notice of entry on January 12, 2015, denying the RDX Defendants' Motion to Disqualify Schlam Stone & Dolan LLP (Motion Sequence No. 8).

Dated: New York, New York January 21, 2015

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Hon. Cameron Elliot Administrative Law Judge U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission 100 F Street, N.E. Washington, D. C. 20549-2557

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Dear Judge Elliot:

We represent the Division in this matter. Pursuant to the Court's Order to Show Cause, dated February 25, 2015, we enclose a courtesy copy of the Division's Response, as well as the Declaration of Nancy Brown and the exhibit thereto.

By copy of this letter, we have delivered the original and three copies of our papers to the Office of Secretary for filing.

Respectfully submitted,

Enclosures cc (w/encls.):

Martin Kaplan, Esq. (Counsel for Respondent SBAM) Martin Kaplan, Esq. (Counsel for Respondents Steven Sands and Martin Sands)

Matthew Rossi, Esq. (Counsel for Respondents Steven Sands and Martin Sands)

