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

SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 Release No. 73680 / November 25, 2014

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING File No. 3-16287

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Joseph Meuse,

Respondent.

## **DECLARATION OF SERVICE**

I, Todd D. Brody, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, declare as follows:

- 1. I am employed as a Senior Trial Counsel in the Division of Enforcement's New York Regional Office ("Division") and have personal knowledge of the facts described herein.
- 2. At the time that the Order Instituting Proceedings ("OIP") was filed, Martin Kaplan, the lawyer that represented Mr. Meuse in the SEC's civil enforcement proceeding, informed the Division that he had been unable to reach his client for some period of time and that he did not know if he would be representing Mr. Meuse in this administrative proceeding. Consequently, he told the Division that he could not accept service on Mr. Meuse's behalf. The Office of the Secretary, therefore, attempted to serve Mr. Meuse at his home address.
  - 3. The Office of the Secretary's attempts at service were not successful.

- 4. Following the filing of the OIP, Mr. Kaplan informed the Division that he would, in fact, be representing Mr. Meuse and that he would accept service on Mr. Meuse's behalf.
  - 5. Pursuant to this agreement, the Division served Mr. Kaplan with the OIP.
  - 6. Mr. Meuse, therefore, has been served with the OIP.

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

Dated: January 14, 2015 New York, New York

Todd D. Brody



## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

NEW YORK REGIONAL OFFICE Brookfield Plaza, 4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10281-1022

January 14, 2015

## VIA EMAIL AND UNITED PARCEL SERVICE

The Honorable Jason S. Patil Administrative Law Judge U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission 100 F. Street, N.E., Mail Stop 6553 Washington, DC 20549

Re: In the Matter of Joseph Meuse AP File No. 3-16287

Dear Judge Patil:

The Division has served Mr. Meuse with a copy of the OIP through his counsel, Martin Kaplan, who agreed to accept service on Mr. Meuse's behalf. Pursuant to your honor's January 6, 2015 Ruling, attached is the Division's declaration regarding service.

We also want to advise your honor, that the parties have reached a settlement of this action and anticipate filing the appropriate documents shortly. In light of the settlement, we do not believe that the prehearing conference scheduled for January 21, 2015 is necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

Todd D. Brody Senior Trial Counsel

Division of Enforcement

cc: Christina Milnor

Brent Fields, Office of the Secretary

Martin Kaplan, Esq., Counsel for Joseph Meuse