# UNITED STATES OF AMERICA Before the SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION



ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING File No.3-16353

Spring Hill Capital Partners, LLC	)
Spring Hill Capital Markets, LLC	)
Spring Hill Capital Holdings, LLC	)
and Kevin White,	)

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## RESPONDENTS' OBJECTIONS TO THE SEC'S WITNESS LIST

Pursuant to the Scheduling Order, the, Respondents, Spring Hill Capital Partners, LLC ("SHCP"), Spring Hill Capital Markets, LLC ("SHCM"), Spring Hill Capital Holdings, LLC ("SHCH"), and Kevin White ("White")(collectively the "Respondents"), hereby submit the following objections to the SEC's Witness (a copy of the SEC's proposed witness list is attached hereto as Exhibit 1):

Objections pursuant to Respondents' *Motion in Limine* Regarding Statute of Limitations on 15(a) Claim:

Pursuant to the Respondents *Motion in Limine* regarding the Statute of Limitations, the following witnesses that appear on the SEC's Witness List are irrelevant and immaterial as their testimony strictly relates to the SHCP's alleged unregistered broker-dealer activities:

Nina Veres #6 at p. 5 George Steers #7 at p. 6 Michael Rafferty #10 at p. 6 John Keith Fell #12 at p. 7 Barbara Martens #13 at p. 7 Peter Schendel #17 at p. 8
James Bolin #18 at p. 8
Garrett Moran #20 at p. 9
Jon Bortoff #23 at p. 9-10
Rupert Chisholm #24 at p. 10
Frank Savage #25 at p. 10
Chris Dillon #26 at p. 10
David Reilly #29 at p.11

Objections pursuant to Respondents' *Motion in Limine* Regarding irrelevant, immaterial, and overly repetitive documents and witnesses regarding the Gramercy Bond Trades

Pursuant to the Respondents Motion in Limine regarding the Gramercy Bond Trades, the

following witnesses that appear on the SEC's Witness List are irrelevant and immaterial:

Cameron Heaney #14 at p. 7
Brendan Beer #16 at p. 8
Eugene Gorab #18 at 8-9
William Bohnsack, Jr. #21 at p. 9
Jason Serrano #22 at p. 9
Daniel Posner #27 at p. 10

## Additional Objections

Adam Bacharach – The SEC proposes to offer Mr. Bacharach to provide testimony regarding SHCM's trade blotters. This testimony is unnecessarily repetitive as the trade blotter itself states what it states.

Joe McDonald – The SEC proposes to offer Mr. McDonald to testify regarding the content outline for the Series 24 exam taken by applicant, including Kevin White in November 2009. Ostensibly, Mr. McDonald is simply going to provide testimony reading or summarizing the FINRA Series 24 Study outline which is SEC Proposed Exhibit 197. Mr. McDonald did not provide the Series 24 Outline to Mr. White or discuss it with him in any manner. Further, Mr. McDonald has not been designated as an expert and no report has been provided. As such, his testimony is irrelevant and unnecessarily repetitive.

Additionally, the Respondents reserve their rights to object to portions of all other witnesses' testimony as irrelevant, immaterial, overly repetitious, and on all other evidentiary grounds.

## Respectfully Submitted,

SPRING HILL CAPITAL PARTNERS, LLC, SPRING HILL CAPITAL MARKETS, LLC, SPRING HILL CAPITAL HOLDINGS, LLC And KEVIN WHITE,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE I hereby certify that on this day a true copy of the above document was served upon the attorney of record for each party by mail-by hand and ama,

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## EXHIBIT 1

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

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING File No. 3-16353

In the Matter of

Spring Hill Capital Markets, LLC, Spring Hill Capital Partners, LLC, Spring Hill Capital Holdings, LLC, and Kevin D. White,

Respondents.

## **DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT'S WITNESS LIST**

The Division of Enforcement ("Division") respectfully submits its witness list pursuant to Rule of Practice 222 and the Order Setting Prehearing Schedule, dated April 6, 2015. The Division reserves the right to supplement this list. The Division further reserves the right to call additional witnesses whose names appear on Respondents' witness list to rebut evidence proffered by Respondents, or, if required to do so, to authenticate documents, including the authentication of times documents were transmitted.

In addition to the witnesses listed below, the Division plans to call Yui M. Chan as an expert witness on the subject of net capital. His direct testimony will be by expert report. Mr. Chan is the Managing Director of the Broker-Dealer Operations and Financial Responsibility Department in the Risk Oversight & Operational Regulation Division of the Financial Regulatory Authority ("FINRA"), 200 Liberty Street, New York, NY 10281. He has 27 years of financial regulation experience at FINRA and NYSE Regulation. Currently, Mr. Chan is involved in the

rule-making and interpretation process of FINRA's financial responsibilities rules. He represents FINRA on the SIFMA Regulatory Capital & Margin Committee and serves on the FINRA Series 27/28 Fin-Op Principal Qualification Exam Review Committee. Mr. Chan also manages staff which liaison with the Securities and Exchange Commission's Division of Trading and Markets for administering interpretative guidance of broker-dealer financial responsibilities, customer protection and record keeping rules, as well as with other self-regulatory organizations and securities industry committees on regulatory issues and initiatives.

Mr. Chan has authored or co-authored the following regulatory notices:

- FINRA Regulatory Notice 07-58, "FINRA Solicits Comments on Proposed Guidance Regarding International Prime Brokerage Practices" (Nov. 2007);
- FINRA Regulatory Notice 08-38, "FINRA Provides Clarification on SEC Guidance Regarding Emergency Orders Concerning Short Selling" (July 2008);
- FINRA Regulatory Notice 08-56, "FINRA Announces the Publication of Consolidated Interpretations of SEC Rules Governing Financial Responsibility, Customer Protection and Books and Records" (Oct. 2008);
- FINRA Regulatory Notice 08-60, "FINRA Announces Temporary Margin Maintenance, Net Capital and Reserve Formula Requirements Related to Money Market Mutual Funds" (Oct. 2008);
- FINRA regulatory Notice 08-65, "FINRA Grants Additional, Temporary Relief from the Net Capital, Reserve Formula, Non-purpose Loan, and Maintenance Margin Requirements Applicable to Credit Extended on Auction Rate Securities to Broker-Dealers That Agree to Buy Back Auction Rate Securities (Nov. 2008);
- FINRA Regulatory Notice 09-38, "Guidance on the Net Capital and Reserve Formula Treatment of Senior Unsecured Debts Securities Issued Under the Debt Guarantee Program Component of the FDIC's Temporary Liquidity Guarantee Program (July 2009);
- FINRA Regulatory Notice 10-3, "Financial Responsibility and Operational Rules" (January 2010);
- FINRA Regulatory Notice 10-12, "FOCUS Reporting: Guidance on FAS 167 for FOCUS Reporting" (February 2010);

- FINRA Regulatory Notice 10-46, "Supplemental FOCUS Filing Requirement Applicable to Certain Joint Broker-Dealers/Futures Commission Merchants" (October 2010);
- FINRA Regulatory Notice 11-38, "Application of the SEC's Financial Responsibility Rules in Response to the Downgrade of U.S. Long-Term Credit Rating by Standard & Poor's" (August 2011);
- FINRA Regulatory Notice 12-54, "Reporting Relief Relating to Customer and PAIB Reserve Formula Computations and Required Deposits Around the December 2012 Month-End Holidays" (December 2012);
- FINRA Regulatory Notice 12-58, "SEC No-Action Guidance Expanding the Definition of 'Ready Market' for Certain Foreign Equity Securities" (December 2012);
- FINRA Regulatory Notice 13-41, "eFOCUS System Updates Applicable to Joint Broker-Dealers/Futures Commission Merchants" (December 2013);
- FINRA Regulatory Notice 13-44, "FINRA Announces Updates of the Interpretations of Financial and Operational Rules" (December 2013);
- FINRA Regulatory Notice 14-06, "FINRA Announces Updates of the Interpretations of Financial and Operational Rules" (February 2014);
- FINRA Regulatory Notice 14-12, "FINRA Announces Updates of the Interpretations of Financial and Operational Rules" (March 2014);
- FINRA Regulatory Notice 14-25, "FINRA Announces Updates of the Interpretations of Financial and Operational Rules" (June 2014);
- FINRA Regulatory Notice 14-38, "FINRA Announces Updates of the Interpretations of Financial and Operational Rules" (October 2014).

## Fact Witnesses

 Kevin D. White c/o Ronald W. Dunbar, Jr., Esq.¹ Dunbar Law P.C. 197 Portland St. Boston, MA 02114 Respondent

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Mr. Dunbar is counsel of record for Respondent Mr. White and the Respondent Entities (collectively the "Respondents") in this matter. He has indicated that he has been authorized to receive service of subpoenas for various employees and former employees associated with Respondents.

Mr. White (Respondent) is expected to testify concerning: (1) his awareness of broker-dealer registration, net capital, and books and records requirements; (2) his holding out Spring Hill Capital Partners, LLC ("SHCP") to the market as a broker-dealer; (3) his negotiation of SHCP's arrangement to introduce trades to Rafferty Capital Markets, LLC ("Rafferty") and receive transaction-based compensation in exchange for said trades; (4) his responsibilities at, and control over, SHCP, Spring Hill Capital Markets, LLC ("SHCM"), and Spring Hill Capital Holdings, LLC, and Spring Hill Management Company, LLC (collectively, "Spring Hill"); (5) his involvement in Spring Hill's trading activities; (6) the withholding of a trade-ticket from Rafferty; (7) the organizational structure of Spring Hill; and (8) his past statements (made directly by him or on his behalf by his counsel) to the Division and/or FINRA.

 Paul Tedeschi c/o Ronald W. Dunbar, Jr., Esq. Dunbar Law P.C.
 197 Portland St. Boston, MA 02114 Trader at SHCP and SHCM

Mr. Tedeschi is expected to testify concerning (1) his trading activities at Spring Hill;
(2) the withholding of a trade-ticket from Rafferty; and (3) his interactions and communications with Kevin White and Rafferty.

3. Lauren O'Neill
c/o Ronald W. Dunbar, Jr., Esq.
Dunbar Law P.C.
197 Portland St.
Boston, MA 02114
Associate/Trading Assistant at SHCP and SHCM

Ms. O'Neill is expected to testify concerning: (1) the withholding of a trade-ticket from Rafferty; (2) SHCP's and SHCM's trade blotter and trading activity; (3) SHCP's receipt of

payments from Rafferty; and (4) her interactions and communications with Kevin White and others at Spring Hill and Rafferty.

Andre Hohenstein
 c/o Ronald W. Dunbar, Jr., Esq.
 Dunbar Law P.C.
 197 Portland St.
 Boston, MA 02114
 CFO and COO at Spring Hill

Mr. Hohenstein is expected to testify concerning: (1) his communications with FINRA and OCIE relating to Spring Hill; (2) Spring Hill's financial records; (3) Spring Hill's sources and uses of revenues; and (4) Spring Hill's trade blotters.

Patrick Quinn
 c/o Ronald W. Dunbar, Jr., Esq.
 Dunbar Law P.C.
 197 Portland St.
 Boston, MA 02114
 Former CCO and CFO at Spring Hill

Mr. Quinn is expected to testify concerning: (1) the sale of a bond by SHCM to Gramercy Capital Corporation ("GCC"); (2) Spring Hill's financial records, including its sources and uses of revenue; (3) SHCP's trading activity; (4) his communications and interactions with FINRA; and (5) his communications and interactions with Kevin White.

Nina Veres
 Securities and Exchange Commission
 New York Regional Office
 Brookfield Place
 200 Vesey Street, Suite 400
 New York, NY 10281
 Former Principal Examiner at FINRA

Ms. Veres is expected to testify concerning her interactions and communications with Kevin White and SHCM during the firm's membership application process.

7. George Steers
FINRA
One World Financial Center
200 Liberty Street
New York, NY 10281
Regulatory Coordinator at FINRA

Mr. Steers is expected to testify concerning his interactions and communications with Kevin White and SHCM during the firm's membership application process and thereafter.

8. Adam Bacharach
Securities and Exchange Commission
New York Regional Office
Brookfield Place
200 Vesey Street, Suite 400
New York, NY 10281
Examiner in OCIE

Mr. Bacharach is expected to testify concerning trade blotters provided by SHCM to OCIE and his interactions and communications with SHCM.

9. Joe McDonald
FINRA
9509 Key West Avenue
Rockville, MD 20850
Director of Qualifications and Examinations at FINRA

Mr. McDonald is expected to testify concerning the content outline for the Series 24 exam taken by applicants, including Kevin White, in November 2009.

10. Michael Rafferty
c/o Susan Merrill, Esq.
Sidley Austin LLP
787 Seventh Avenue
New York, NY 10019
President of Rafferty Holdings, LLC, parent company of Rafferty

Mr. Rafferty is expected to testify concerning his: (1) negotiations with Kevin White of an arrangement, initially proposed to him by Kevin White, pursuant to which SHCP introduced trades to Rafferty and earned transaction-based compensation; and (2) Rafferty's payments to SHCP.

11. Thomas Mulrooney
c/o Susan Merrill, Esq.
Sidley Austin LLP
787 Seventh Avenue
New York, NY 10019
President and Chief Compliance Officer of Rafferty

Mr. Mulrooney is expected to testify concerning his interactions and communications with Kevin White concerning Spring Hill's concealment of a trade ticket for its purchase of a bond from Citigroup.

12. John Keith Fell
c/o Susan Merrill, Esq.
Sidley Austin LLP
787 Seventh Avenue
New York, NY 10019
Former Chief Operating Officer of Rafferty

Mr. Fell is expected to testify concerning SHCP's arrangement to introduce trades to Rafferty and his interactions and communications with SHCP employees, including Kevin White.

13. Barbara Martens
c/o Susan Merrill, Esq.
Sidley Austin LLP
787 Seventh Avenue
New York, NY 10019
Senior Vice President at Rafferty

Ms. Martens is expected to testify concerning SHCP's arrangement to introduce trades to Rafferty and the payment of transaction-based compensation to SHCP.

14. Cameron Heaney
c/o Susan Merrill, Esq.
Sidley Austin LLP
787 Seventh Avenue
New York, NY 10019
Operations Manager at Rafferty

Mr. Heaney is expected to testify concerning Spring Hill's concealment of trade-tickets form Rafferty and his interactions and communications with Spring Hill.

## 15. Roger Cozzi

c/o E. Scott Morvillo, Esq.
One World Financial Center
27th Floor
New York, NY 10281
CEO of Gramercy Capital Corp ("GCC").

Mr. Cozzi is expected to testify concerning GCC's purchase of a bond from SHCM and his interactions and communications with Kevin White.

#### 16. Brendan Beer

Guggenheim Partners 100 Wilshire Boulevard Santa Monica, CA 90401 Former trader at Citigroup

Mr. Beer is expected to testify concerning his trading activity with SHCP.

#### 17. Peter Schendel

Axonic Capital LLC
390 Park Avenue
New York, NY 10022
Former Head of Business Development at Tower Research Capital

Mr. Schendel is expected to testify concerning his interactions and communications with

Kevin White relating to the marketing of SHCP as a broker-dealer.

#### 18. James E. Bolin

c/o Maria Douvas
Paul Hastings
75 East 55th Street
New York, NY 10022
Vice President of Appaloosa Management L.P.

Mr. Bolin is expected to testify concerning his interactions and communications with Kevin

White relating to the marketing of SHCP as a broker-dealer.

## 19. Eugene Gorab

c/o Jonathan Green, Esq.
Kaye Scholer LLP
250 West 55th Street
New York, NY 10019
President and CEO of Greenfield Partners, LLC

Mr. Gorab is expected to testify concerning his interactions and communications with Kevin White relating to a bond transaction and Spring Hill's trading activity.

20. Garrett Moran c/o Douglass Maynard, Esq. Akin Gump One Bryant Park New York, NY 10036 Former COO of The Blackstone Group, Private Equity Group.

Mr. Moran is expected to testify concerning his interactions and communications with

Kevin White relating to the marketing of SHCP as a broker-dealer.

21. William H. Bohnsack, Jr. c/o Walter Ricciardi Paul Weiss 1285 Avenue of the Americas New York, NY 10019 President of Oak Hill Advisors

Mr. Bohnsack is expected to testify concerning his interactions and communications with Kevin White relating to a bond transaction and Spring Hill's trading activity.

22. Jason T. Serrano
c/o Walter Ricciardi
Paul Weiss
1285 Avenue of the Americas
New York, NY 10019
Head of Mortgage Strategies at Oak Hill Advisors

Mr. Serrano is expected to testify concerning his interactions and communications with

Kevin White relating to a bond transaction and Spring Hill's trading activity.

23. Jon Bortoff
c/o Vibrant TV Network
990 Grove St, Ste 300
Evanston, IL 60201
Former Portfolio Specialist at HSBC

Mr. Bortoff is expected to testify concerning his interactions and communications with Kevin White relating to the marketing of SHCP as a broker-dealer.

### 24. Rupert Chisholm

One William Street Capital Management 12290 Avenue of the Americas New York, NY 10104 Former employee at Spring Hill

Mr. Chisholm is expected to testify concerning the business activities of SHCP and his interactions and communications with Kevin White.

### 25. Frank Savage

c/o James Hein, Esq. Lazard Freres & Co. LLC 30 Rockefeller Plaza New York, NY 10020 Managing Director at Lazard

Mr. Savage is expected to testify concerning his interactions and communications with Kevin White relating to the marketing of SHCP as a broker-dealer.

#### 26. Chris Dillon

Mariner Investment Group
485 Lexington Avenue
28th Floor
New York, NY 10017
Former Portfolio Manager at Concordia Advisors, LLC

Mr. Dillon is expected to testify concerning his interactions and communications with Kevin White relating to the marketing of SHCP as a broker-dealer.

## 27. Daniel Posner

c/o Josh Levinson, Esq.
Golub Capital
150 S. Wacker Drive, 8th Floor
Chicago, IL 60606
Former Managing Director at D.E. Shaw & Co.

Mr. Posner is expected to testify concerning his interactions and communications with Kevin White relating to SHCP.

28. Robert Carr
Barclays
745 7th Avenue
New York, NY 10019
Director in Branch Operations at Barclays

Mr. Carr or another branch operations employee at Barclays is expected to testify concerning Kevin White's brokerage account.

29. David Reilly
c/o Ares Insurance Partners
14140 Magnolia Boulevard
Sherman Oaks, CA 91423
Former Founding Managing Partner at Indicus Advisors

Mr. Reilly is expected to testify concerning his communications and interactions with Kevin White relating to SHCP's business activities.

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New York, New York

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