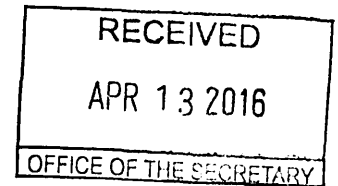


UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Before the
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING
File No. 3-17112



In the Matter of

FRAZER FROST, LLP; SUSAN WOO,
CPA; and MIRANDA SUEN, CPA,

Respondents

DIVISION'S OPPOSITION TO RESPONDENTS' MOTION TO DISMISS
CERTAIN CLAIMS IN THE ORDER INSTITUTING PROCEEDINGS

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PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

This proceeding arises out of improper professional conduct by respondents Frazer Frost, LLP (“Frazer”), an audit firm, and two of its accountants, engagement partner Susan Woo (“Woo”) and engagement manager Miranda Suen (“Suen”) (together “Respondents”), in connection with their role as auditors for China Valves Technology, Inc. (“CVVT”), a China-based U.S. public company. Respondents failed to conduct their third quarter 2010 review of interim financial information and their 2011 year-end audit of CVVT in accordance with professional auditing standards and, in doing so, engaged in multiple instances of improper professional conduct under Rule 102(e)(1)(ii) of the SEC Rules of Practice. Respondents also violated or caused violations of Rules 2-02(b)(1) and 2-06 of Regulation S-X and, as a result, Frazer willfully violated Rule 102(e)(1)(iii) of the SEC Rules of Practice.

Although styled as a motion to dismiss certain claims, Respondents’ motion is not directed at a claim but rather at a single fact among many that form the basis of the Division’s Rule 102(e)(1)(ii) claim with respect to Respondents’ third quarter 2010 interim review of CVVT’s financial information. Specifically, Respondents challenge the Division’s allegation that, among multiple other instances of professional misconduct, Respondents failed to communicate to CVVT’s management and audit committee the need to revise certain known and material inaccuracies in CVVT’s third quarter 2010 financial statements included in Form 10-Q (hereafter “the Form 10-Q”) to make the filing accurate and in conformity with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (“GAAP”).

The facts underlying this allegation are largely undisputed. Respondents knew that certain disclosures in CVVT’s draft Form 10-Q were materially inaccurate and documented the need to

correct the disclosures in their work papers. Nonetheless, the Form 10-Q, which contained notes that were reviewed and signed off on by the Respondents, was filed with the SEC without correction and included material inaccuracies that were well known to Respondents.

There are two possible explanations for this gross departure from Respondents' professional obligations: Respondents either (i) failed to communicate the needed corrections to CVVT's management and audit committee (as the Division alleges in the OIP and will prove at the hearing in this matter), or (ii) communicated the necessary changes to management and then failed to ensure that management, or ultimately the audit committee, acted to correct the material inaccuracies in the Form 10-Q (as Respondents now contend). Either explanation constitutes an audit failure.¹

In an attempt to sidestep resolution of this factual dispute on the merits, Respondents argue that the Division should be estopped from presenting overwhelming and largely uncontroverted evidence that Respondents failed to communicate the need to correct material inaccuracies in the Form 10-Q to CVVT's management. They instead contend that the Division is forever bound by an allegation in the SEC's district court complaint against CVVT about which the Division subsequently developed additional information during the course of settlement discussions with CVVT.

¹ PCAOB auditing standards required Respondents to communicate the need for material modification to the Form 10-Q to the appropriate levels of CVVT management (AU § 722.29). If CVVT management failed to respond, Respondents were required to take additional steps to communicate the matter to the audit committee, document such communications, and, if the audit committee did not appropriately respond, consider whether to resign (AU §§ 722.30 and 722.31). Respondents' position that they informed CVVT management of the need for corrections, and that management failed to act, does nothing to relieve them of liability for failing to take additional steps required under AU §§ 722.30 and 722.31. Thus, Respondents engaged in serious professional misconduct giving rise to liability under Rule 102(e) of the SEC Rules of Practice.

Judicial estoppel is appropriate only in cases when: (1) a party seeking to assert a position that is inconsistent with an earlier position has succeeded in persuading a court to accept its earlier position; and (2) that party would derive an unfair advantage, if not estopped. Neither factor is present in this case.

First, the district court in the CVVT case never accepted or endorsed the prior allegation. There was no litigation or decision by the district court, but rather a neither-admit-nor-deny settlement that did not endorse or adopt *any* of the SEC's allegations.² Judicial estoppel simply does not apply when, as here, there is no risk of inconsistent judicial determinations.

Second, the Division derives no unfair advantage, and Respondents incur no unfair detriment absent an estoppel. The OIP reflects information the Division learned *after* the CVVT complaint was filed and not some attempt to play "fast and loose" with the facts.³ The Division is not required to engage in the meaningless gesture of amending its complaint to conform to subsequently-acquired evidence in a case where there has been no litigation on the merits, and there is no likelihood that there ever will be. Moreover, it is not unfair to present in this proceeding evidence of what actually happened—indeed, that is the whole point of having a merits hearing in this matter. Respondents had ample notice of the Division's position on the factual dispute underlying Respondents' motion and will have the opportunity to present whatever contrary evidence they can muster.

² The remaining individual defendant in the CVVT case was recently served under the Hague Convention in China. The time for that defendant to appear and defend has passed, and he is therefore in default. Accordingly, the Division does not anticipate any future litigation on the merits in the CVVT case.

³ *New Hampshire v. Maine*, 532 U.S. 742, 750 (2001) (judicial estoppel "prevents parties from 'playing 'fast and loose with the courts''") (quotation and citation omitted).

It is worth noting that Respondents have little, if any, evidence to support the position they now seek to establish by estoppel. Nowhere in Respondents' motion papers do they cite any competent evidence that Respondents communicated to CVVT's management the need to change the Form 10-Q to conform to GAAP. Nor do they offer any affirmative statement by Respondent Woo or Respondent Suen that such a communication ever took place. And, there is ample reason to conclude it did not:

- No such communication is documented in Respondents' work papers;
- Neither Woo nor Suen stated that they had any such communication in their sworn testimony in this matter;
- CVVT management represented, through counsel, that Respondents never raised the need for corrections to the Form 10-Q;
- William Haus, the chair of CVVT's audit committee, did not recall Respondents flagging any issues about the Form 10-Q; and
- After the Form 10-Q was filed, Respondent Woo maintained in communications with CVVT that the Form 10-Q was fine, even though it was filed with known, material inaccuracies and did not conform to GAAP.

Thus, rather than seeking to resolve this factual dispute on the merits, Respondents are attempting to use judicial estoppel to establish as fact a proposition that they cannot prove. This turns the doctrine—which is intended to prevent, not perpetrate, a “perversion of the judicial process”⁴—on its head and should be rejected.

Because judicial estoppel is inappropriate on these facts, Respondents' motion should be denied.

⁴ *In re Cassidy*, 892 F.2d 637, 641 (7th Cir. 1990) (citation omitted) (“Judicial estoppel is a doctrine intended to prevent the perversion of the judicial process. . . . It is to be applied where ‘intentional self-contradiction is being used as a means of obtaining unfair advantage in a forum designed for suitors seeking justice[.]’”) (internal quotations omitted).

BACKGROUND

A. The Changsha Valve Acquisition.⁵

Respondents served as CVVT's auditors between 2009 and 2011. In January 2010, CVVT purchased a subsidiary, Changsha Valve, and subsequently included disclosures concerning the acquisition in the notes to the financial statements for CVVT's first and second quarter 2010 Forms 10-Q. During their review of CVVT's third quarter 2010 financial statements, but more than a month *before* the third quarter Form 10-Q was filed, Respondents received an email from CVVT's CEO disclosing that certain material facts about the Changsha Valve acquisition were inconsistent with, or had not been included in, CVVT's first and second quarter Forms 10-Q. Specifically, the misstated or omitted information included: (i) the identity of the seller; (ii) the role of an undisclosed related party in the transaction; (iii) the price of the acquisition; (iv) the structure of the acquisition; and (v) the allocation of assets and liabilities.

Among the Respondents, Woo received the CEO's email first and then forwarded it to Respondent Suen and other audit staff shortly thereafter and instructed them to "verify and confirm all the legal documents including the payments made to various entities according to the statements [made by the CEO]." In their work papers for the third quarter 2010 interim review, certain audit staff documented procedures that confirmed the statements in the CEO email and noted proposed corrections to the third quarter financial statements. Remarkably, Respondents signed-off on their review of the notes to the third quarter financial statements even though the noted corrections were not made and the third quarter Form 10-Q did not conform to GAAP. Consequently, the third quarter Form 10-Q contained the very same inaccurate disclosures concerning the Changsha Valve

⁵ The facts recited in this Background section are drawn from the OIP in this matter.

acquisition as the first and second quarter Forms 10-Q. Rather than take steps to ensure that the Form 10-Q was presented in accordance with GAAP, Respondents focused on verifying that the total amount of money CVVT spent on the acquisition was \$15 million, while ignoring the other material misstatements and omissions laid bare by the CEO's email. In doing so, Respondents failed to take the steps required by professional auditing standards to recommend modifications to CVVT's management or audit committee to make the Form 10-Q conform to GAAP.⁶

B. The China Valves District Court Litigation.

On September 29, 2014, the SEC commenced a civil action against CVVT and certain of its officers (the "CVVT defendants") in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia. *See United States Securities and Exchange Commission v. China Valves Technology, Inc., et al.*, D.D.C. Case No. 14-cv-1360. (The CVVT complaint is attached as Exhibit A.) The SEC alleged that the CVVT defendants violated the anti-fraud and other provisions of the federal securities laws by making various material misrepresentations about a host of topics in multiple SEC filings.

Relevant to this case is a single sentence of the SEC's CVVT complaint, in which the SEC alleged: "Moreover, [CVVT's] auditors recommended that [the Company] make revisions to its third quarter Form 10-Q to correct its disclosure of the acquisition in response to information they had learned through the [email from CVVT's CEO], but [CVVT] failed to make the recommended

⁶ Respondents' failure to comply with PCAOB standards cannot be excused by CVVT's subsequent filing of a Form 8-K/A that corrected some (but not all) of the information about the Changsha Valve acquisition that had been misstated in a prior Form 8-K. Unlike interim financial information included in a Form 10-Q, *which requires review by an independent auditor*, issuance of a Form 8-K is solely within the discretion of the company and does not contain *audited* financial information. Respondents' professional obligations required action on the Form 10-Q, which due to their failures repeated materially inaccurate disclosures.

changes.” (Exh. A at ¶ 32.) This allegation was by no means central to the SEC’s claims against the CVVT defendants. Rather, the SEC’s allegations focused on the CVVT defendants’ knowledge, independent and apart from what Respondents were alleged to have told them, of material facts that were intentionally or recklessly omitted or misrepresented in various SEC filings, including a number of filings predating the third quarter 2010 Form 10-Q at issue here. (E.g., Exh. A at ¶¶ 17-39.)

The SEC settled with three of the four defendants in the CVVT case on a neither-admit-nor-deny basis before any had answered or otherwise responded to the complaint. The Court made no findings and took no action on the merits of the case. (See Exhibit B (docket report as of April 12, 2016).) The sole remaining defendant, CVVT’s former CEO, was recently served in China under the Hague Convention.⁷ While the time for him to answer or respond to the CVVT complaint has passed, and he is therefore in default, the Division is engaged in ongoing discussions with his counsel regarding a potential consensual resolution of the SEC’s claims against him.

⁷ As noted above, it would be a meaningless gesture to amend the complaint in the CVVT case to conform to subsequently-acquired evidence when there is no reasonable likelihood of litigation on the merits in that case. But there is a practical reason, as well, not to amend. Some courts have held that an amended pleading supersedes the original pleading, even as to a party in default. See, e.g., *Allstate Ins. Co. v. Yadgarov*, No. 11-CV-6187(PKC) (VMS), 2014 WL 860019, at *8 (E.D.N.Y. Mar. 5, 2014) (original complaint superseded upon filing of amended complaint, even if amended pleading not required to be served under Rule 5(a)(2) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure). Thus, were the SEC to amend the CVVT complaint, it might well be required to serve the amended pleading on the former CEO under the Hague Convention, a time-consuming, expensive, and uncertain process.

ARGUMENT

A. The Doctrine of Judicial Estoppel Is Inapplicable.

Whether to apply the doctrine of judicial estoppel in a given case is committed to a court's discretion. *New Hampshire*, 532 U.S. at 750 (judicial estoppel is an equitable doctrine invoked in a court's discretion) (citation omitted); *Hamilton v. State Farm Fire & Cas. Co.*, 270 F.3d 778, 782 (9th Cir. 2001) (citing *Broussard v. University of California*, 192 F.3d 1252, 1255 (9th Cir. 1999)). Courts weigh three nonexclusive factors in deciding whether to exercise that discretion: "(i) whether 'a party's later position [is] "clearly inconsistent" with its earlier position'; (ii) 'whether the party has succeeded in persuading a court to accept that party's earlier position'; and (iii) 'whether the party seeking to assert an inconsistent position would derive an unfair advantage or impose an unfair detriment on the opposing party if not estopped.'" *In the Matter of Gordon Brent Pierce*, S.E.C. Release No. 9555, 2014 WL 896757, at *21 (March 7, 2014) (quoting *New Hampshire*, 532 U.S. at 750). Further, judicial estoppel is defeated when an inconsistent position is asserted in good faith, for example, when new information bearing on the allegation comes to light. *Gagne v. Zodiac Mar. Agencies, Ltd.*, 274 F. Supp. 2d 1144, 1148 (S.D. Cal. 2003). Under the circumstances here, judicial estoppel is not appropriate.⁸

⁸ It is not clear that estoppel is available in an enforcement action brought by an agency of the United States government. As the Supreme Court has noted, "When the Government is unable to enforce the law because the conduct of its agents has given rise to an estoppel, the interest of the citizenry as a whole in obedience to the rule of law is undermined. It is for this reason that it is well settled that the Government may not be estopped on the same terms as any other litigant." *Heckler v. Cmty Health Servs. of Crawford County, Inc.*, 467 U.S. 51, 60 (1984) (footnote omitted); cf. *New Hampshire*, 532 U.S. at 755 ("this is not a case where estoppel would compromise a governmental interest in enforcing the law") (citation omitted). Respondents offer no authority to the contrary.

1. The Prior Allegation Was Never Endorsed or Relied Upon by the District Court in the CVVT Case.

Judicial estoppel does not apply when, as here, there has been no judicial acceptance of, or reliance upon, the allegation in question. *Pierce*, 2014 WL 896757, at *21. A settlement, by definition, does not reflect any judicial endorsement of a party's allegations. *Reed Elsevier, Inc. v. Muchnick*, 559 U.S. 154, 170 (2010) (inconsistent position in settled lawsuit, even though settlement was approved by district court as fair and reasonable, did not give rise to judicial estoppel); *Konstantinidis v. Chen*, 626 F.2d 933, 939 (D.C. Cir. 1980) (“[a] settlement neither requires nor implies any judicial endorsement of either party’s claims or theories, and thus a settlement does not provide the prior success necessary for judicial estoppel”).⁹ Here, there was no litigation or decision by the district court in the CVVT case, but rather a neither-admit-nor-deny settlement and a potential default by the last remaining defendant. No issue of fact or law was adjudicated, adopted, or endorsed by the district court, and judicial estoppel therefore does not apply.¹⁰

2. The Allegation in the OIP IS Based on New Evidence.

“Estoppel is defeated if the party can show that the inconsistent position is due to the uncovering of new facts.” *Gagne*, 274 F. Supp. 2d at 1148 (citing *U.S. ex rel. Sequoia Orange Co. v. Baird-Neece Packing Corp.*, 151 F.3d 1139, 1147 (9th Cir. 1998)). The allegation in the CVVT case was consistent with Respondents’ work papers, discussed above, in which Respondents

⁹ See also *Lauterbach v. Huerta*, No. 15-1163, 2016 WL 1104793, at *6 (D.C. Cir. Mar. 22, 2016) (issue preclusion inapplicable because no issues were “actually litigated” in a settled case).

¹⁰ Citing a handful of Circuit Court cases decided *before* the Supreme Court’s 2010 decision in *Reed Elsevier*, Respondents argue that a settlement can give rise to judicial estoppel. See Memorandum at 8 (citing *Rissetto v. Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 343*, 94 F.3d 597, 604-05 (9th Cir. 1996); *Commonwealth Ins. Co. v. Titan Tire Corp.*, 398 F.3d 879, 887 (7th Cir. 2004)). These cases are inapposite after *Reed Elsevier*, a controlling case that Respondents ignore.

appear to have recognized that the Form 10-Q was materially inaccurate and needed to be corrected. The prior allegation, in essence, gave Respondents the benefit of the doubt, insofar as the allegation *assumed* that a competent auditor would have communicated to its client the need to correct material inaccuracies in an SEC filing. However, in the course of settlement negotiations in the CVVT case, the individual defendants, through counsel, each indicated that Respondents *did not* advise CVVT to revise the Form 10-Q. The Division subsequently developed additional evidence that casts doubt on Respondents' version of the facts. The allegations in the OIP are consistent with this new evidence.

3. The Division Has Neither Realized An Unfair Benefit Nor Imposed An Unfair Detriment On Respondents.

Respondents' arguments rest on the notion that the Division will somehow realize an unfair advantage absent an estoppel. Respondents suggest that the allegation in question somehow brought the CVVT defendants to their knees in settlement negotiations and that the SEC thus benefited from its prior allegation. However, as noted above, a fair reading of the CVVT complaint reveals that the allegation in question was by no means a necessary part of the SEC's case. As previously noted, the CVVT defendants disputed the allegation. This information and the subsequently-developed evidence noted above are the basis of the Division's current allegations. The Division thus derived no advantage, unfair or otherwise.

Nor are Respondents unfairly prejudiced by resolving this issue on the merits. Respondents have known of the Division's position that they failed to properly notify CVVT management and the audit committee or take other required steps since at least the time of the Division's Wells notice in August 2015 and will have the opportunity to present whatever contrary evidence they have at the hearing in this matter. Respondents nevertheless say that they will be

disadvantaged absent an estoppel (Memorandum at 8-9), but they do not specify *how*. While Respondents' case may be disadvantaged if their claim to estoppel is denied, any such disadvantage from resolution on the merits is hardly unfair, given that the actual evidence will establish that the Division's allegations are correct.

Quite the opposite, it is Respondents who seek to perpetrate an injustice in this case, to the detriment of the public interest in resolving enforcement actions on the merits. Nowhere in Respondents' papers do they provide any conclusive evidence that Respondents communicated to CVVT management the need to change the Form 10-Q to conform to GAAP.¹¹ They offer no affirmative statement by Respondent Woo or Respondent Suen that such a communication ever took place, and, as detailed above, there is ample reason to conclude it did not. In short, rather than seeking to resolve this factual dispute on the merits, Respondents are attempting to use judicial estoppel to establish as fact a proposition they cannot prove. That is an inappropriate use of the doctrine. *E.g., United States v. Ibrahim*, 522 F.3d 1003, 1009 (9th Cir. 2008) (rejecting judicial estoppel and limiting recovery to actual amount of money seized from apartment rather than higher amount alleged in pre-sentence report).

¹¹ Respondents refer to two vaguely worded emails from Respondent Suen to CVVT's counsel to support their claim that such communications took place. These emails do not advance their defense, but rather highlight the weaknesses in their contention that such communications occurred. It is unclear if these emails even relate to the Changsha Valve disclosures and, even if they did, raising a "concern" or a "need to update" with CVVT's SEC counsel does not equate to communicating to management modifications necessary to make the financials conform to GAAP. Rather, PCAOB standards are clear that the auditor must communicate modifications to management and, if they fail to respond appropriately, to the company's audit committee. The evidence developed shows that the Respondents failed to take the actions required by professional auditing standards and, aside from a vague email to SEC counsel that could not cure the failure, the Respondents have not cited any evidence to the contrary.

B. Respondents' Motion is Procedurally Improper.

There is another, independent reason to deny Respondents' motion. While the motion is styled as a "Motion to Dismiss Certain Claims in the Order Instituting Proceedings," Respondents nowhere identify what claims they think should be "dismissed."¹² In fact, the OIP asserts three claims against Respondents (two under Rule 102(e) of the SEC Rules of Practice and one under Rules 2-02 and 2-06 of Regulation S-X) arising out of *multiple* instances of professional misconduct and other regulatory violations spanning both their 2010 interim review and their subsequent 2011 audit. Whether Respondents communicated to CVVT's management necessary revisions to the Form 10-Q during their 2010 third quarter interim review is not dispositive of any of the Division's claims. Rather, it reflects just one instance among an array of misconduct alleged in the OIP.

Because the relief requested—dismissal of some unspecified "claim"—is unavailable, Respondents' motion is procedurally improper and should be denied on this basis alone.

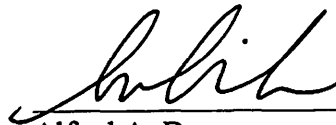
¹² The Division notes that there is no explicit provision for a "motion to dismiss" in the SEC Rules of Practice. Defendants' motion appears to be more in the nature of a motion *in limine*, insofar as it is directed, in substance, at an evidentiary issue.

CONCLUSION

Respondents have had ample notice of the Division's factual allegations in this case, all of which are asserted in good faith and based on competent evidence. Respondents have no basis to claim unfair prejudice absent an estoppel. This case can, and should, be resolved on the merits, and Respondents' motion should be denied.

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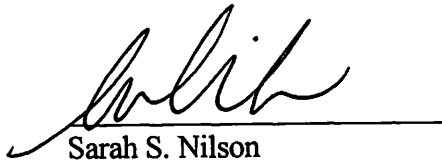

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Exhibit A

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND
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Plaintiff,

v.

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SIPING FANG,
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Defendants.

1:14-cv-01640

COMPLAINT

Plaintiff, the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission” or “SEC”), alleges:

SUMMARY

1. This action arises from the fraudulent conduct of China Valves Technology, Inc. (“CVVT”) and three of its senior officers: Siping Fang (“Fang”), CVVT’s founder, former Chief Executive Officer (“CEO”), and long-time Chairman of the Board; Jianbao Wang (“Wang”),

CVVT's former CEO and General Manager; and Renrui Tang ("Tang"), CVVT's current Chief Financial Officer ("CFO") and long-time Financial Controller.

2. Defendants misled investors about the true nature and price of CVVT's 2010 acquisition of Watts Valve Changsha Co., Ltd. ("Changsha Valve"). In addition, in 2011, CVVT mischaracterized and materially overstated income and understated liabilities incurred by a wholly-owned subsidiary, Shanghai Pudong Hanwei Valve Co., Ltd ("Hanwei Valve"). Hanwei Valve purchased a valve with the plan to reverse engineer the product but, because of intellectual property concerns, intentionally disguised the payments for the valve in its books and records as Value Added Tax ("VAT") payments purportedly made to the local tax authorities.

3. The Commission brings this action seeking permanent injunctive relief to prevent future violations of the federal securities laws, civil penalties, officer and director bars, and any other appropriate relief.

JURISDICTION

4. This Court has jurisdiction over this action pursuant to Sections 20 and 22 of the Securities Act of 1933 (the "Securities Act") [15 U.S.C. §§ 77t and 77v] and Sections 21 and 27 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act") [15 U.S.C. §§ 78u and 78aa].

5. Venue is proper in this judicial district pursuant to Section 22(a) of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. § 77v(a)] and Section 27 of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78aa] because certain of the acts and omissions constituting violations alleged herein occurred in this judicial district.

6. Defendants, directly and indirectly, made use of the mails and of the means and instrumentalities of interstate commerce in connection with the acts, practices, and courses of business described in this Complaint.

DEFENDANTS

CVVT

7. CVVT is a Nevada corporation with operations solely in the People's Republic of China ("China"). CVVT became a U.S. issuer in December 2007 through a reverse merger with Intercontinental Resources, Inc., a Nevada shell corporation.

8. CVVT's common stock is registered with the Commission pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78l(g)] and was listed on the Nasdaq Global Market (NASDAQ) under the symbol "CVVT."

9. On September 21, 2012, CVVT filed a Form 25 voluntarily withdrawing its securities from listing on and registration with NASDAQ. Since that time, CVVT's stock has been quoted on OTC Link (formerly the Pink Sheets) under the symbol CVVT.

10. CVVT's stock price has fallen from \$13.60 in March 2010 to a price of \$0.60 per share as of September 26, 2014.

11. CVVT is registered with the Commission and subject to the periodic reporting requirements, internal controls, and books and records provisions pursuant to Section 13 of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78m]. CVVT has failed to file periodic reports since the quarter ended March 31, 2012.

Individual Defendants

12. **Siping Fang**, age 61, is a Chinese national residing in China. Fang founded CVVT and served as its CEO until October 2010. Fang has served as the Chairman of CVVT's board since the company became a U.S. issuer. Fang also held himself out and acted as President of CVVT from at least March 2009 to at least March 2011.

13. **Jianbao Wang**, age 44, is a Chinese national residing in China. Wang served as CVVT's CEO from October 2010 through February 2013 and its General Manager from July 2009 through October 2010. Prior to CVVT's disclosing that Wang had been appointed CEO, Wang held himself out and acted as CVVT's CEO from at least December 2009.

14. **Renrui Tang**, age 41, is a Chinese national residing in China. Tang has served as CVVT's CFO since June 2013. Tang served as CVVT's Financial Controller from December 2010 through June 2013; interim CFO between February 2009 and July 2009 and between May 2010 and December 2010; CFO from December 2007 through March 2009; and Director from December 2007 through November 2008. Tang held himself out and acted as CFO and Treasurer of CVVT from at least August 2010 to at least November 2010. Tang also held a variety of positions related to finance and accounting with CVVT's subsidiaries between 1994 and 2008. CVVT claims in its filings that Tang is an "International Certified Public Accountant."

OTHER RELEVANT ENTITIES

15. **Able Delight Investment Limited** ("Able Delight") was a Hong Kong domiciled entity created by CVVT in November 2009. CVVT and its officers created Able Delight, an entity without any operations or assets except those provided by CVVT, solely for the purpose of acting as a straw man to mask CVVT's purchase of Changsha Valve from Watts. Fang and Wang were principals of and controlled Able Delight, and a relative of Fang, who was also the wife of a 34% shareholder of CVVT's, was appointed legal representative of Able Delight. Given these relationships, CVVT and Able Delight were related parties under SK-404 [17 CFR § 229.404].

16. **Watts Water Technologies, Inc.** (“Watts”) is a Delaware corporation and U.S. public issuer. Changsha Valve became a wholly-owned Chinese subsidiary of Watts in 2006. In August 2009, Watts disclosed to the Commission and the Department of Justice that it had discovered potential violations of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (“FCPA”) at Changsha Valve. Watts sold Changsha Valve to CVVT in January 2010. Subsequently, in October 2011, Watts entered into a settled administrative proceeding with the Commission. Based on an offer of settlement from Watts, the Commission found violations of the books and records provisions of the FCPA.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

A. Defendants Made Numerous Material Misrepresentations and Omissions in Connection With Its Acquisition of Changsha Valve

17. In January 2010, CVVT purchased Changsha Valve from Watts through Able Delight, an entity created by CVVT solely for the purpose of serving as a straw man through which CVVT could purchase Changsha Valve. CVVT officers (Fang and Wang) acted as Able Delight’s principals and a relative of Fang, who was also the wife of a 34% CVVT shareholder, was appointed as a titular legal representative of Able Delight. The purchase price documented in agreements between Watts and Able Delight was just over \$8.4 million.

1. The FCPA Investigation at Changsha Valve

18. Watts sold Changsha Valve in the aftermath of an FCPA internal investigation (the “FCPA Investigation”). Changsha Valve’s sales force regularly made payments to employees of state-owned entities to favor Changsha Valve’s products. These payments were disguised as sales commissions paid to the members of the Changsha Valve sales force under an internal, written sales policy that allowed the sales force to pay up to 3% of the total contract amount to employees of state-owned entities. Watts refused to pay outstanding commission

amounts that it determined were not FCPA-compliant and implemented internal controls designed to prevent the sales force from violating the FCPA going forward. Shortly after reporting their internal investigation to the Commission and the Department of Justice and disclosing the investigation in its public filings with the Commission, Watts decided to sell Changsha Valve.

2. **Defendants Knew of the FCPA Investigation When it Acquired the Wholly-Owned Subsidiary**

19. CVVT purchased Changsha Valve with full knowledge of the subsidiary's FCPA Investigation. CVVT knew about Changsha Valve's FCPA Investigation as early as August 2009, when Watts disclosed in its public filings with the Commission that it was conducting an investigation into whether employees at Changsha Valve violated the FCPA.

20. Moreover, in connection with the sale of Changsha Valve, Watts provided the various bidders, including CVVT, access to a due diligence data room that contained information about its investigation regarding FCPA violations, including: copies of Watts' public disclosures of FCPA violations at Changsha Valve; a spreadsheet that broke out the commissions that Watts found to be FCPA compliant and those it concluded were not ("FCPA Commission Spreadsheet"); and the cease-and-desist letter sent to the Changsha Valve sales force informing them that they were prohibited from making payments to state-owned entities. Wang, who was the CVVT representative principally responsible for conducting the due diligence for Changsha Valve, visited Watts' due diligence room and reviewed these documents.

21. Watts also provided information about the FCPA investigation directly to CVVT and discussed the issues with Wang. For example, during the due diligence period, attorneys for Watts sent additional copies of the FCPA disclosure documents and the FCPA Commission Spreadsheet to CVVT's China-based counsel. Additionally, Watts discussed the FCPA

Investigation of Changsha Valve with Wang during the due diligence before CVVT acquired Changsha Valve. Moreover, prior to the closing of the transaction, Watts sent an email to Wang that included an updated version of the FCPA Commission Spreadsheet.

3. **CVVT Acquired Changsha Valve Through Able Delight**

22. Despite the FCPA Investigation and Watts refusal to pay certain commissions amounts that it determined were not FCPA-compliant, CVVT acquired Changsha Valve. Watts and Able Delight executed an Equity Transfer Agreement (“Equity Agreement”) memorializing the terms of the acquisition and signed on behalf of Able Delight by Fang (who was CEO and Chairman of CVVT at the time) and Wang (who was General Manager of CVVT at the time).

23. CVVT funded the purchase of Changsha Valve. Just prior to the execution of the Equity Agreement, CVVT agreed to “loan” Able Delight \$6.12 million to purchase Changsha Valve. \$6.07 million of this amount was paid to Watts for Changsha Valve, and \$50,000 was paid to Fang’s relative for acting as Able Delight’s legal representative. The purchase price listed in the Equity Agreement was \$6.07 million to be paid in three installments. A separate Closing Agreement, signed by Wang on January 10, 2010, provided that, in addition to the \$6.07 million cash consideration paid to Watts, CVVT would pay \$1.17 million each to two Chinese subsidiaries of Watts to settle previous debt between the subsidiaries and Changsha Valve. Thus, the agreements between Watts and Able Delight required CVVT to pay a total of \$8.4 million to purchase the equity interest of Changsha Valve.

24. However, in February and March 2010, CVVT paid an additional \$6.59 million toward certain recorded and unrecorded liabilities of Changsha Valve, including payment of \$2.2 million outstanding sales commissions to the Changsha Valve’s sales force – the very same commissions Watts had declined to pay because of suspected FCPA violations. CVVT’s

payment of these additional amounts was not required under the agreements memorializing the transaction and was not contemplated by the parties as part of the acquisition. In fact, the commission amounts paid by CVVT were not reflected in Changsha Valve's books and records.

4. **CVVT Filed a False and Misleading Form 8-K Announcing Its Acquisition**

25. On February 8, 2010, CVVT filed and Fang signed a Form 8-K that included an already-issued press release falsely announcing that CVVT had purchased solely the assets of Able Delight (Changsha) Valve Co., Ltd (previously defined herein as "Changsha Valve") from Able Delight "for a cash price of approximately \$15 million." As the Equity and Closing Agreements with Watts make clear, CVVT actually purchased 100% of the equity interest in Changsha Valve for a price of \$8.4 million, over \$6.5 million less than claimed. The Form 8-K also failed to inform investors that CVVT independently used the balance of the purported \$15 million purchase price to pay an additional \$6.59 million in recorded and unrecorded liabilities of Changsha Valve and acquisition related expenses.

26. In addition, the Form 8-K omitted any mention of the FCPA investigation of Changsha Valve, or that the payment of unrecorded liabilities included payment of \$2.2 million in sales commissions that were not recorded on Changsha Valve's books and that Watts had determined were not FCPA-compliant. Indeed, in an attempt to hide the FCPA Investigation at Changsha Valve, the 8-K made no mention of Watts, the true seller, and instead falsely depicted Able Delight, a straw man through which CVVT purchased Changsha Valve from Watts, as the seller. Further, CVVT and Fang falsely described Able Delight as "a leading producer of butterfly valves, check valves and ball valves for hydropower plants, thermal power plants, nuclear power plants and water and sewage treatment applications." CVVT and Fang reinforced the mischaracterization of Able Delight as an operating company in the press release filed with

the Form 8-K, which quoted Fang as falsely stating that: “Able Delight’s established customer relationships with water treatment facilities and thermal power plants in Hunan province and high-quality manufacturing practices make it a powerful addition to our existing operations. Able Delight’s product portfolio consists mainly of high-end valves, and it is the only manufacturer in China with capacity to produce large butterfly valves.” The Form 8-K also attached a purported Asset Purchase Agreement signed by Fang between Able Delight and CVVT, when in fact the acquisition was an equity purchase between Watts and CVVT through Able Delight as a straw man.

5. CVVT Filed False and Misleading Forms 10-Q in 2010

27. In its subsequent Forms 10-Q for the quarters ended March 31, 2010, June 30, 2010, and September 30, 2010 (“2010 Forms 10-Q”), CVVT and certain of its officers and directors falsely represented the transaction as “the acquisition of 100% of the assets of Able Delight (Changsha) Valve Co. Ltd for a total cash consideration of \$15.0 million.” Further, the Forms 10-Q incorrectly disclosed the fair value of the net assets acquired and assumed through the equity purchase transaction. Specifically, the Forms 10-Q disclosed \$4,944,755 in inventory, \$10,113,703 in building and equipment, and liabilities as zero.

28. The 2010 Forms 10-Q also misrepresented and failed to disclose material facts about the transaction, including the true purchase price for Changsha Valve; the form of the acquisition; that Watts was the seller; the FCPA Investigation at Changsha Valve; the additional payments made around the time of the acquisition, including the \$2.2 million in unrecorded sales commissions that Watts had determined were not FCPA-compliant; and the role of related parties in the acquisition.

6. **CVVT and Wang Admitted Making Some Material Misstatements and Omissions to an Analyst**

29. In response to an email from an analyst, CVVT and Wang provided additional information about the transaction that established that some of the disclosures about the Changsha Valve acquisition in CVVT's Form 8-K and Forms 10-Q were false and misleading. The analyst sent an email to Wang in October seeking answers to a series of questions about the Changsha Valve transaction, including whether Changsha Valve was previously a subsidiary of Watts and, if so, why CVVT failed to disclose the FCPA investigation. On October 7, 2010, Wang sent an email response to the analyst (the "Wang Email") admitting for the first time that Watts was the seller of Changsha Valve; that CVVT made the acquisition through—rather than from—Able Delight; and that CVVT paid Watts approximately \$8.4 million for Changsha Valve and that the balance of the purported purchase price was used to pay off existing liabilities, including what Wang characterized as "suspended commissions." Although the Wang Email was the most forthcoming statement by CVVT about the transaction at that time, it was not public and still contained false and misleading statements, including that: (i) CVVT was allegedly unaware of the Watts' FCPA investigation of Changsha Valve, and (ii) Watts required CVVT to create Able Delight.

30. The Wang Email also marked the first time that CVVT's independent board members and auditors learned pertinent material details of the Changsha Valve acquisition, illustrating the extent to which CVVT and its officers went to conceal the true nature of the transaction. According to an independent member of CVVT's board, he and other independent directors learned from the Wang Email that CVVT purchased Changsha Valve from Watts, that Able Delight was not a third party seller, that the purchase was an equity purchase and not an asset purchase, and that \$6.59 million of the \$15 million "purchase price" was actually paid to

multiple parties for various purposes. Indeed, Fang omitted these details when he described the transaction to the Board for its approval, instead falsely representing that the transaction was consistent with the terms of the false Form 8-K described in paragraph 25 and 26 above.

31. Prior to the Wang Email, CVVT management had also misrepresented the transaction to its auditors, describing it as an asset purchase from a third party, Able Delight, for \$15 million. During the first quarter review, CVVT's auditor raised questions about the loan that CVVT made to Able Delight for the purchase of Changsha Valve. Tang responded that Able Delight was an active bidder for Changsha Valve and that CVVT decided to negotiate with Able Delight to purchase Changsha Valve in the event Able Delight won the auction. As the agreements with Watts make clear, CVVT's description of its purchase from Able Delight was false. Moreover, CVVT and Tang also failed to disclose to its auditors that Able Delight was a related party.

32. Once CVVT's independent board members learned of the actual details of the acquisition, they insisted that CVVT management issue the amended Form 8-K ("Form 8-K/A") on November 18, 2010, correcting the company's prior disclosures. Even after drafts of that Form 8-K/A were circulating, however, CVVT, Wang, and Tang filed the third quarter Form 10-Q on November 15, 2010, that still contained false and misleading information about the Changsha Valve acquisition. Prior to the filing of the third quarter Form 10-Q, Wang had admitted in the Wang Email that the information was false. Tang also received a copy of the Wang Email, which confirmed that the information included in the Form 10-Q that Tang signed and certified was false. As CFO and Treasurer of CVVT at the time, Tang knew or was reckless in not knowing, the true nature of the transaction and related payments. Moreover, CVVT's auditors recommended that CVVT make revisions to its third quarter Form 10-Q to correct its

disclosure of the acquisition in response to information they had learned through the Wang Email, but CVVT failed to make the recommended changes.

7. **CVVT Filed a Form 8-K/A Partially Correcting Some Misstatements and Omissions**

33. The November 18, 2010 Form 8-K/A, filed by CVVT and Wang nine months after the initial Form 8-K, disclosed a materially different transaction than the one disclosed in the initial Form 8-K and subsequent Forms 10-Q. The Form 8-K/A for the first time disclosed that the transaction was an equity purchase rather than an asset purchase; that CVVT purchased 100% of the equity of Changsha Valve; that Watts was the seller; that CVVT arranged for the formation of Able Delight by a third party; that the consideration paid to Watts was \$8.4 million; and that the balance of the purported purchase price—\$6.59 million—was used to pay off

Changsha Valve's liabilities as follows:

	(amount in millions*)
Payment of accounts payable to third parties	\$2.27 (approx)
Payment to Changsha Valve's sales personnel for unpaid sales commission	\$2.20 (approx)
Payment to employees of Changsha Valve for unpaid salaries and year-end bonuses	\$0.66 (approx)
Payment to employees of Changsha Valve for severance payments	\$0.88 (approx)
Payment of legal fees for due diligence and documentation	\$0.53 (approx)
Payment of compensation to Able Delight	\$0.05
TOTAL	\$6.59 million

34. While the Form 8-K/A more accurately described the transaction, it continued to omit material information and contained new material misrepresentations. Among other things, it falsely asserted that Watts "required, as a condition of the sale of Changsha Valve, that the purchasing party be a company whose registered owner was not [CVVT] or any of its affiliates." Further, it failed to disclose that Able Delight was a related party, and falsely asserted that the

legal representative of Able Delight—the wife of a CVVT majority shareholder—was a “third party.” CVVT and Wang also failed to inform investors in the Form 8-K/A about the FCPA Investigation at Changsha Valve and that Watts had determined that the \$2.2 million in sales commissions that CVVT paid were not FCPA-compliant.

35. Contrary to CVVT’s claim, Watts did not require Changsha Valve’s purchaser to be a company who was not CVVT or an affiliate. Rather, CVVT acquired Changsha Valve through Able Delight, and initially omitted any reference to Watts as the seller, to avoid disclosing the FCPA Investigation at Changsha Valve. In addition, CVVT’s creation of Able Delight and mischaracterization of the transaction allowed CVVT to mask the commission payments that could expose CVVT to potential FCPA liability, and to hide those payments in the purported purchase price for Changsha Valve.

8. **CVVT’s 2010 Form 10-K Provided Yet Another Inaccurate and Incomplete Explanation of the Acquisition**

36. Yet another description of the acquisition that differed from its prior Forms 10-Q and Forms 8-K was provided in the Form 10-K for the fiscal-year ended December 31, 2010 (“2010 Form 10-K”) that CVVT filed on March 16, 2011 and which was signed by Wang and Fang. According to the filing, CVVT admitted that it acquired the equity interests in Changsha Valve from Watts, but now stated that the purchase price was “\$12.12 million plus certain assumed obligations and acquisition expenses for which the company paid off \$2.81 million or an aggregate expenditure of approximately \$15 million at the time of acquisition.” The 2010 Form 10-K also contained an entirely new footnote disclosure of the acquisition that contradicted CVVT’s prior 2010 Forms 10-Q. As discussed above, CVVT’s 2010 Forms 10-Q stated that liabilities acquired were zero and accounted for assets acquired as \$4,944,755 inventory and \$10,112,703 buildings and equipment. The 2010 Form 10-K provided an entirely different

disclosure, listing liabilities of \$3,703,845; inventory of \$4,954,596; building and equipment of \$4,595,254; and now including amounts for cash, receivables, and intangibles. The inconsistent manner in which the company disclosed the transaction in its Forms 10-Q and 10-K is illustrated below:

	Per 10-Q	Per 10-K
Cash	\$ -	\$ 8,740
Receivables	-	3,454,156
Inventory	4,944,755	4,954,596
Buildings and equipment	10,113,703	4,595,254
Intangible Assets		5,490,873
Total assets	15,058,458	18,503,619
Payables	-	3,703,845
Total liabilities	-	3,703,845
Net assets	\$ 15,058,458	\$ 14,799,774

37. In addition, CVVT disclosed for the first time in its 2010 10-K that the individual who purportedly formed Able Delight and was represented in the 8-K/A as a “third party”—was the wife of a 34% stockholder in the company. While the 2010 Form 10-K corrected some inaccurate information about the acquisition, it failed to disclose the FCPA Investigation at Changsha Valve or that the commission payments potentially violated the FCPA. These material facts remain undisclosed by CVVT to date.

9. **CVVT and Wang Made False Statements About the Changsha Valve Acquisition in its Responses to Corporation Finance Comment Letters**

38. CVVT, through Wang, also made a series of evolving false statements in its responses to comment letters issued by the SEC’s Division of Corporation Finance concerning the company’s 2010 Form 10-K. In a June 10, 2011 comment letter response, Wang falsely stated that “the formation of [Able Delight] was required by [Watts]. [Watts] required, as a condition of the sale of Changsha Valve, that the purchasing party be a company whose

registered owner was not the Company, a direct competitor of [Watts].” In a subsequent statement in the June 10 letter, Wang reiterated that it was Watts’ desire not to sell to a direct competitor that necessitated the formation of Able Delight. In a follow up comment letter response dated August 4, 2011, Wang changed the purported reason for creating Able Delight to Watts not wanting to sell Changsha Valve to a public company. As discussed above, Watts did not request or require that CVVT form Able Delight or that the purchasing party be a company other than CVVT.

39. CVVT also made false statements in its responses to SEC comment letters concerning the breakdown of payments made in connection with the acquisition, including the \$2.2 million in sales commissions that Watts had determined were not FCPA-compliant. In its July 12, 2011 comment letter response, Wang asserts that these amounts were paid “on behalf of Watts.” In the company’s August 3, 2011 comment letter response, Wang claimed that the payments, including the commissions that Watts found were not FCPA-compliant, were required by Watts as a “post-closing condition” to the agreement between Watts and Able Delight. CVVT attempted to assert that such “post-closing condition” was entered into pursuant to email communications, but Watts denies that claim and no emails to that effect have been located. When CVVT’s auditors requested such emails, CVVT produced an email that only discussed the possible payment of commissions to one employee, and in no way constituted an agreement or request to pay \$2.2 million in outstanding commissions, among other amounts.

B. CVVT Underreported Liabilities and Overstated Income by \$1.9 million as a Result of Falsely Recording VAT Payments for Hanwei Valve

40. CVVT underreported liabilities and overstated income by \$1.9 million in its Form 10-K filing for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2011 (“2011 Form 10-K”) as a result of misconduct by Hanwei Valve, another CVVT subsidiary. This occurred when Hanwei Valve

purchased a valve for \$1.9 million with the intent to reverse engineer it and improve Hanwei Valves's products. However, because of intellectual property concerns, Hanwei Valve attempted to mask the purchase by disguising \$1.7 million in payments for the valve in its books and records as VAT payments against the existing VAT payables, and failing to record an additional \$200,000 in accrued liabilities that were due and owing for the valve at the year end. These amounts should have been recorded as operating expenses and payables.

41. The misstatements in Hanwei Valve's books and records were incorporated into CVVT's financials and caused CVVT to materially underreport liabilities and overstate income by \$1.9 million in its 2011 Form 10-K.

42. Hanwei Valve intentionally mis-recorded the purchase of the valve as payments against its VAT payable to conceal its purchase and avoid intellectual property concerns, and took steps to prevent investors and other outside parties from discovering its conduct, including providing its then-auditors with false VAT tax returns. The false VAT tax returns, which were purportedly filed with the local tax authorities, falsely represented that Hanwei Valve had made RMB 11,059,190.94 (approximately \$1,727,500 USD) in payments against Hanwei Valve's VAT payable during the 2011 fiscal year.

43. During the 2012 first quarter review, new auditors engaged by CVVT discovered that Hanwei Valve's VAT returns did not reconcile with the company's 2011 10-K, which included the false VAT entries. At the insistence of CVVT's auditor and independent board members, CVVT filed an 8-K on February 14, 2012 disclosing that the VAT tax amounts did not reconcile and stating that the company's first and second quarter Forms 10-Q and 10-K for 2011 should no longer be relied upon. However, CVVT failed to disclose the details and the true nature of the fraud at that time.

44. In or about February 2012, CVVT sent its former auditors a worksheet admitting that it had only paid RMB 282,270 (approximately \$44,000 USD) to the local tax authorities against the VAT payable for the fiscal year 2011, and not the \$1.7 million outstanding and previously represented as paid during the audit.

45. On August 12, 2013, over a year and a half after discovering the VAT misstatement and filing the initial 8-K, CVVT filed an amended Form 8-K for the first time disclosing the details of the underlying fraud. The Form 8-K/A admitted that Hanwei Valve management purposefully mis-recorded the payments for the equipment as payments against the VAT payable:

Management found that Hanwei purchased certain equipment from a third party to perform reverse engineering and improve its products. Since the third party did not provide Hanwei with an invoice or any other written record of the sale and, because Hanwei was concerned that its purchase of the equipment might cause it to become the subject of a challenge with respect to intellectual property rights associated with the equipment, Hanwei's management made the determination to account for this purchase transaction as VAT and supplementary tax payments against the VAT payable and paid the third party as such . . . for the period between January and September 2011, Hanwei underpaid approximately RMB 11.0 million (approximately \$1.7 million) for VAT and supplementary tax.

46. The \$1.7 million claimed to have been paid against the VAT payable was actually paid to the daughter of a third-party who purportedly sold the valve to Hanwei Valve. Instead of properly booking the payments for the valve as operating expenses, Hanwei Valve intentionally recorded the payments as VAT and supplementary tax payments to conceal the purchase of the equipment in an attempt to avoid intellectual property concerns. The remaining \$200,000 for the valve was due and outstanding as of the end of fiscal year 2011, but was not properly recorded in Hanwei Valve's books and records as payables.

47. As a result of Hanwei Valve's intentionally mis-recording the purchase of the valve in Hanwei Valve's books and records, CVVT materially underreported liabilities and

overstated income by \$1.9 million in its 2011 Form 10-K. CVVT thus materially misstated its net income by approximately 6.4% and its pre-tax income by approximately 4.7% in its 2011 Form 10-K. These misstatements and omissions were material because a reasonable shareholder would have considered it important in making an investment decision to know that: (i) CVVT had overstated its income and understated its liabilities by \$1.9 million; (ii) CVVT's subsidiary had acquired equipment for the purpose of reverse engineering it, which management believed could violate the seller's intellectual property rights; and (iii) Hanwei Valve intentionally mis-recorded payments for the equipment as payments against the VAT payable to conceal the purchase of the equipment.

C. CVVT is Delinquent in Filing its Required Periodic Reports

48. CVVT has not filed periodic reports with the Commission since the quarter ended March 31, 2012 to the present. As a result, CVVT has been in violation of Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act and Rules 13a-1 and 13a-13 thereunder for over two years for its non-reporting.

49. CVVT has acknowledged that its failure to properly record Hanwei Valve's VAT payments necessitates restatement of the company's quarterly and annual financial statements for 2011. Thus, investors have been deprived of accurate, reliable information for over three years.

50. It is likely that CVVT will continue to remain delinquent in filing periodic reports with the Commission. Two audit firms engaged by CVVT since 2012 resigned due to disputes with the company over payment of fees and failure to obtain information needed to complete the audits. CVVT recently disclosed in an 8-K filed on September 2, 2014, that it has again engaged new auditors. Given the company's history and failure to file required reports for over two years, however, it is unlikely that the engagement will lead to CVVT coming current on its filing obligations in the near future and filing periodic reports on a timely basis in the future.

D. Defendants' Misstatements

51. **Form 8-K dated February 8, 2010.** As set forth above, CVVT's Form 8-K, signed by Fang on February 8, 2010, falsely stated that CVVT had purchased the assets of Able Delight for \$15 million, and failed to disclose that the purchase was actually an equity purchase, the role of related parties in the acquisition, that the true seller was Watts, that Watts had conducted an internal investigation into potential violations of the FCPA at Changsha Valve, and that \$6.59 million of the purported purchase price was used to pay recorded and unrecorded liabilities of Changsha Valve, including \$2.2 million in sales commissions that potentially violated the FCPA. Taken together, these false statements and omissions were material because a reasonable shareholder would want to know the true nature of the acquisition, the role of related parties, about the FCPA Investigation at Changsha Valve, and that CVVT paid amounts that potentially violated the FCPA. As issuer of the Form 8-K, CVVT exercised actual control over the content of these false statements and omissions and knew, or was reckless in not knowing, that the statements in the Form 8-K were false.

52. As CEO and signer of the Form, Fang made and otherwise exercised actual control over the content of these false statements and omissions. Fang knew, or was reckless in not knowing, that the Form 8-K contained misstatements and omissions concerning the nature of the transaction and the role of related parties in the acquisition, among other reasons, because he was a principal of Able Delight and had executed the Equity Agreement with Watts on behalf of Able Delight.

53. **Form 10-Q dated May 13, 2010.** As set forth above, CVVT's first quarter Form 10-Q, signed and certified by Fang on May 13, 2010, falsely stated that CVVT had purchased the assets of Able Delight for \$15 million, incorrectly disclosed the fair value of net assets acquired

and assumed in connection with the acquisition, and failed to disclose that the purchase was actually an equity purchase, the role of related parties in the acquisition, that the true seller was Watts, that Watts had conducted an internal investigation into potential violations of the FCPA at Changsha Valve, and that \$6.59 million of the purported purchase price was used to pay recorded and unrecorded liabilities of Changsha Valve, including \$2.2 million in sales commissions that potentially violated the FCPA. Taken together, these false statements and omissions were material because a reasonable shareholder would want to know the true nature of the acquisition, the role of related parties, about the FCPA Investigation at Changsha Valve, and that CVVT paid amounts that potentially violated the FCPA. As issuer of the Form 10-Q, CVVT exercised actual control over the content of these false statements and omissions and knew, or was reckless in not knowing, that the statements in the Form 10-Q were false.

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55. **Form 10-Q dated August 11, 2010.** As set forth above, CVVT's second quarter Form 10-Q, signed and certified by Fang and Tang on August 11, 2010, falsely stated that CVVT had purchased the assets of Able Delight for \$15 million, incorrectly disclosed the fair value of net assets acquired and assumed in connection with the acquisition, and failed to disclose that the purchase was actually an equity purchase, the role of related parties, that the true seller was Watts, that Watts had conducted an internal investigation into potential violations of the FCPA at

Changsha Valve, and that \$6.59 million of the purported purchase price was used to pay recorded and unrecorded liabilities of Changsha Valve, including \$2.2 million in sales commissions that potentially violated the FCPA. Taken together, these false statements and omissions were material because a reasonable shareholder would want to know the true nature of the acquisition, the role of related parties, about the FCPA Investigation at Changsha Valve, and that CVVT paid amounts that potentially violated the FCPA. As issuer of the Form 10-Q, CVVT exercised actual control over the content of these false statements and omissions and knew, or was reckless in not knowing, that the statements in the Form 10-Q were false.

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57. As CFO and Treasurer of CVVT, Tang had access to all material information about CVVT's finances and was responsible for the accuracy of CVVT's books and records. He therefore knew, or was reckless in not knowing, that statements in the Form 10-Q were false, including the nature of the transaction and related payments.

58. **Form 10-Q dated November 15, 2010.** As set forth above, CVVT's third quarter Form 10-Q, signed and certified by Wang and Tang on November 15, 2010, falsely stated that CVVT had purchased the assets of Able Delight for \$15 million, incorrectly disclosed the fair value of net assets acquired and assumed in connection with the acquisition, and failed to

disclose the role of related parties in the acquisition, that the purchase was actually an equity purchase, that the true seller was Watts, that Watts had conducted an internal investigation into potential violations of the FCPA at Changsha Valve, and that \$6.59 million of the purported purchase price was used to pay recorded and unrecorded liabilities of Changsha Valve, including \$2.2 million in sales commissions that potentially violated the FCPA. Taken together, these false statements and omissions were material because a reasonable shareholder would want to know the role of related parties, the true nature of the acquisition, about the FCPA Investigation at Changsha Valve, and that CVVT paid amounts that potentially violated the FCPA. As issuer of the Form 10-Q, CVVT exercised actual control over the content of these false statements and omissions and knew, or was reckless in not knowing, that the statements in the Form 10-Q were false.

59. As CEO, signer, and certifier of the Form 10-Q, Wang made and otherwise exercised actual control over the content of these false statements and omissions. Wang knew, or was reckless in not knowing, that the Form 10-Q contained misstatements and omissions concerning the nature of the transaction, the role of related parties in the acquisition, that Watts had conducted an internal investigation into potential violations of the FCPA at Changsha Valve, and that \$6.59 million of the purported purchase price was used to pay recorded and unrecorded liabilities of Changsha Valve, including \$2.2 million in sales commissions that potentially violated the FCPA because he conducted the due diligence on Changsha Valve, received information related to the FCPA issues at Changsha Valve, and was a principal of Able Delight and had executed the Equity and Closing Agreements with Watts on behalf of Able Delight.

60. As CFO, Treasurer, signer, and certifier of the Form 10-Q, Tang made and otherwise exercised actual control over the content of these false statements and omissions.

Tang knew, or was reckless in not knowing, that the Form 10-Q contained misstatements and omissions concerning the nature of the transaction and related payments, the role of related parties, and the FCPA Investigation because he had received the Wang Email informing him of this information and because of his role as CFO and Treasurer of CVVT.

61. **Form 8-K/A dated November 18 2010.** As set forth above, CVVT's Form 8-K/A, signed by Wang on November 18, 2010, falsely stated that Able Delight was formed by a third-party and that Watts required that the purchaser of Changsha Valve not be CVVT or an affiliate, and failed to disclose that Watts had conducted an internal investigation into potential violations of the FCPA at Changsha Valve and that \$6.59 million of the purported purchase price was used to pay recorded and unrecorded liabilities of Changsha Valve, including \$2.2 million in sales commissions that potentially violated the FCPA. Taken together, these false statements and omissions were material because a reasonable shareholder would want to know the role of related parties, the reasons for creating Able Delight, about the FCPA Investigation at Changsha Valve, and that CVVT paid amounts that potentially violated the FCPA. As issuer of the Form 8-K/A, CVVT exercised actual control over the content of these false statements and omissions and knew, or was reckless in not knowing, that the statements in the Form 8-K/A were false.

62. As CEO and signer of the Form, Wang made and otherwise exercised actual control over the content of these false statements and omissions. Wang knew, or was reckless in not knowing, that the Form 8-K/A contained misstatements and omissions concerning the role of related parties, the reasons for creating Able Delight, that Watts had conducted an internal investigation into potential violations of the FCPA at Changsha Valve, and that \$6.59 million of the purported purchase price was used to pay recorded and unrecorded liabilities of Changsha Valve, including \$2.2 million in sales commissions that potentially violated the FCPA, because

he conducted the due diligence on Changsha Valve, received information related to the FCPA issues at Changsha Valve, and was a principal of Able Delight and had executed the Equity and Closing Agreements with Watts on behalf of Able Delight.

63. **Form 10-K dated March 16, 2011.** As set forth above, CVVT's 2010 Form 10-K, signed by Fang and signed and certified by Wang on March 16, 2011, falsely stated that the purchase price of Changsha Valve was \$12.12 million, and failed to disclose that Watts had conducted an internal investigation into potential violations of the FCPA at Changsha Valve and that \$6.59 million of the purported purchase price was used to pay recorded and unrecorded liabilities of Changsha Valve, including \$2.2 million in sales commissions that potentially violated the FCPA. Taken together, these false statements and omissions were material because a reasonable shareholder would want to know the true price of the acquisition, about the FCPA Investigation at Changsha Valve, and that CVVT paid amounts that potentially violated the FCPA. As issuer of the Form 10-K, CVVT exercised actual control over the content of these false statements and omissions and knew, or was reckless in not knowing, that the statements in the Form 10-K were false.

64. As President, Director, and signer of the Form 10-K, Fang made and otherwise exercised actual control over the content of these false statements and omissions. Fang knew, or was reckless in not knowing, that the Form 10-K contained misstatements and omissions concerning the nature of the acquisition because he had executed the Equity Agreement with Watts on behalf of Able Delight.

65. As CEO, signer, and certifier of the Form 10-K, Wang made and otherwise exercised actual control over the content of these false statements and omissions. Wang knew, or was reckless in not knowing, that the Form 10-K contained misstatements and omissions

concerning the price of the acquisition, that Watts had conducted an internal investigation into potential violations of the FCPA at Changsha Valve, and that \$6.59 million of the purported purchase price was used to pay recorded and unrecorded liabilities of Changsha Valve, including \$2.2 million in sales commissions that potentially violated the FCPA were false because he conducted the due diligence on Changsha Valve, received information related to the FCPA issues at Changsha Valve, and was a principal of Able Delight and had executed the Equity and Closing Agreements with Watts on behalf of Able Delight.

66. **Responses to SEC Comment Letters.** As set forth above, CVVT's responses to Corporation Finance comment letters, signed by Wang on June 10, 2011, July 12, 2011, and August 4, 2011, which were publicly available on the SEC's EDGAR system, falsely stated that Watts required the formation of Changsha Valve and that the payment of the recorded and unrecorded liabilities of Changsha Valve, including the sales commissions that Watts had determined were not FCPA-compliant, were required as part of the transaction. Taken together, these false statements and omissions were material because a reasonable shareholder would want to know the true reason for creating Able Delight and the true details of the acquisition. As CEO and signer of the comment letters, Wang made and otherwise exercised actual control over the content of these false statements and omissions. Wang knew, or was reckless in not knowing, that the comment letters contained misstatements and omissions concerning the reason for creating Able Delight and the details of the payments made in connection with the acquisition because he was a principal of Able Delight and had executed the Equity and Closing Agreements with Watts on behalf of Able Delight.

67. **Form 10-K dated November 18, 2011.** As set forth above, CVVT's 2011 Form 10-K, issued on November 18, 2011, falsely stated CVVT's liabilities and income, and failed to

disclose that Hanwei Valve had purposefully mis-recorded the purchase of a valve as payments against Hanwei Valve's VAT payable to conceal the purchase of the valve because of intellectual property concerns. Taken together, these false statements and omissions were material because a reasonable shareholder would want to know that CVVT had overstated its income and understated its liabilities, that CVVT's subsidiary had acquired equipment for the purpose of reverse engineering it, which Hanwei Valve believed could potentially give rise to intellectual property concerns, and that Hanwei Valve intentionally mis-recorded payments for the equipment as payments against the VAT payable to conceal the purchase of the equipment. As issuer of the Form 10-K, CVVT exercised actual control over the content of these false statements and omissions and knew, or was reckless in not knowing, that the statements in the Form 10-K were false.

FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF

CVVT, Fang, Wang, and Tang Violated Exchange Act Section 10(b) and Rule 10b-5

68. Paragraphs 1 through 67 are realleged and incorporated by reference.

69. By reason of the conduct described above, Defendants CVVT, Fang, Wang, and Tang, directly or indirectly, in connection with the purchase or sale of securities, by the use of the means or instrumentalities of interstate commerce or of the mails, or of any facility of any national securities exchange, knowingly or recklessly made untrue statements of material fact or omitted to state material facts necessary in order to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

70. With respect to the misrepresentations set forth above, CVVT and Fang knew, or were reckless in not knowing, that they were making false and misleading statements in CVVT's February 8, 2010 Form 8-K, first and second quarter Forms 10-Q, and 2010 Form 10-K in light

of the conduct described in detail above. CVVT and Fang likewise knew, or were reckless in not knowing, that the related omissions rendered the filings and other public statements misleading in light of the circumstances under which they were made. Fang signed the February 8, 2010 Form 8-K, first and second quarter Forms 10-Q, and 2010 Form 10-K as an officer of CVVT, which issued and filed the documents with the Commission. As such, CVVT and Fang exercised ultimate authority over the statements therein, and controlled not only the content of the communications, but also whether and how to communicate them.

71. With respect to the misrepresentations set forth above, CVVT and Wang knew, or were reckless in not knowing, that they were making false and misleading statements in CVVT's third quarter Form 10-Q, November 18, 2010 Form 8-K/A, Form 2010 10-K, and June, July, and August responses to SEC comment letters in light of the conduct described in detail above. CVVT and Wang likewise knew, or were reckless in not knowing, that the related omissions rendered the filings and other public statements misleading in light of the circumstances under which they were made. Wang signed the third quarter Form 10-Q, November 18, 2010 Form 8-K/A, Form 2010 10-K, and June, July, and August responses to SEC comment letters as an officer of CVVT, which issued and filed the documents with the Commission. As such, CVVT and Wang exercised ultimate authority over the statements therein, and controlled not only the content of the communications, but also whether and how to communicate them.

72. With respect to the misrepresentations set forth above, CVVT and Tang knew, or were reckless in not knowing, that they were making false and misleading statements in CVVT's second and third quarter Forms 10-Q in light of the conduct described in detail above. CVVT and Tang likewise knew, or were reckless in not knowing, that the related omissions rendered the filings and other public statements misleading in light of the circumstances under which they

were made. Tang signed the second and third quarter Forms 10-Q as an officer of CVVT, which issued and filed the documents with the Commission. As such, CVVT and Tang exercised ultimate authority over the statements therein, and controlled not only the content of the communications, but also whether and how to communicate them.

73. With respect to the misrepresentations set forth above, CVVT knew, or was reckless in not knowing, that it was making false and misleading statements in its 2011 Form 10-K in light of the conduct described in detail above, including the amount of liabilities, income, and VAT paid by Hanwei Valve. CVVT likewise knew, or was reckless in not knowing, that the related omissions rendered the filing and other public statements misleading in light of the circumstances under which they were made. CVVT issued and filed the 2011 Form 10-K with the Commission. As such, CVVT exercised ultimate authority over the statements therein, and controlled not only the content of the communications, but also whether and how to communicate them.

74. By reason of the conduct described above, Defendants CVVT, Fang, Wang, and Tang violated Exchange Act Section 10(b) [15 U.S.C. § 78j(b)] and Exchange Act Rule 10b-5 [17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5].

SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF

CVVT Violated Exchange Act Sections 13(a), 13(b)(2)(A) and 13(b)(2)(B) and Rules 12b-20, 13a-1, 13a-11 and 13a-13

75. Paragraphs 1 through 74 are realleged and incorporated herein by reference.

76. CVVT, whose securities were registered pursuant to Section 12 of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 781], as detailed above, failed to file annual, current, and quarterly reports (on Forms 10-K, 8-K, and 10-Q) with the Commission that were true and correct, and failed to include material information in its required statements and reports as was necessary to make the

required statements, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

77. As detailed above, CVVT failed to make and keep books, records, and accounts, which, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflected (i) the cost and nature of the Changsha Valve acquisition, including the payment of recorded and unrecorded liabilities of the company; and (ii) the purchase of a valve and purported VAT payments to the local tax authorities.

78. As further detailed above, CVVT failed to devise and maintain a system of internal accounting controls sufficient to provide reasonable assurances that transactions were recorded and financial statements were prepared in accordance with GAAP. CVVT's internal controls were deficient, as Fang, Wang, Tang, and management at Hanwei Valve mis-recorded payments made in connection with the transactions in CVVT's books and records and misrepresented the nature of the transactions at issue in CVVT's public filings.

79. Based on the foregoing, CVVT violated Exchange Act Sections 13(a), 13(b)(2)(A) and 13(b)(2)(B) [15 U.S.C. 78m(a) and 78m(b)(2)(A) & (B)] and Exchange Act Rules 12b-20, 13a-1, 13a-11 and 13a-13 [17 CFR §§ 240.12b-20, 240.13a-1, 240.13a-11 and 240.13a-13].

THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF

Fang, Wang, and Tang Violated Exchange Act Rule 13a-14

80. Paragraphs 1 through 79 are realleged and incorporated herein by reference.

81. By engaging in the conduct described above, Fang, as CVVT's CEO, falsely certified that CVVT's Forms 10-Q for the first and second quarters of 2010 contained no material misstatements or omissions.

82. By engaging in the conduct described above, Wang, as CVVT's CEO, falsely certified that CVVT's Form 10-Q for the third quarter of 2010 and Form 10-K for the fiscal year 2010 contained no material misstatements or omissions.

83. By engaging in the conduct described above, Tang, as CVVT's CEO and Treasurer, falsely certified that CVVT's Forms 10-Q for the second and third quarters of 2010 contained no material misstatements or omissions.

84. Based on the foregoing, Fang, Wang, and Tang violated Exchange Act Rule 13a-14 [17 C.F.R. § 240.13a-14].

FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

Fang, Wang, and Tang Aided and Abetted CVVT's Reporting, Recordkeeping and Internal Controls Violations

85. Paragraphs 1 through 84 are realleged and incorporated herein by reference.

86. As detailed above, CVVT, whose securities were registered pursuant to Section 12 of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 781], failed to file annual, current, and quarterly reports (on Forms 10-K, 8-K, and 10-Q) with the Commission that were true and correct, and failed to include material information in its required statements and reports as was necessary to make the required statements, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading. CVVT thus violated Section 13(a) and 13(b)(2)(A) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. §§ 78m(a) and 78m(b)(2)(A)] and Exchange Act Rules 12b-20, 13a-1, 13a-11 and 13a-13 [17 CFR §§ 240.12b-20, 240.13a-1, 240.13a-11 and 240.13a-13].

87. By reason of the conduct described above, Defendant Fang knowingly provided substantial assistance to and thereby aided and abetted CVVT in its violations of Exchange Act Sections 13(a) and 13(b)(2)(A) [15 U.S.C. §§ 78m(a) and 78m(b)(2)(A) and Exchange Act Rules 12b-20, 13a-11 and 13a-13 [17 CFR §§ 240.12b-20, 240.13a-11 and 240.13a-13].

88. By reason of the conduct described above, Defendant Wang knowingly provided substantial assistance to and thereby aided and abetted CVVT in its violations of Exchange Act Sections 13(a) and 13(b)(2)(A) [15 U.S.C. §§ 78m(a) and 78m(b)(2)(A) and Exchange Act Rules 12b-20, 13a-1, 13a-11 and 13a-13 [17 CFR §§ 240.12b-20, 240.13a-1, 240.13a-11 and 240.13a-13].

89. By reason of the conduct described above, Defendant Tang knowingly provided substantial assistance to and thereby aided and abetted CVVT in its violations of Exchange Act Sections 13(a) and 13(b)(2)(A) [15 U.S.C. §§ 78m(a) and 78m(b)(2)(A) and Exchange Act Rules 12b-20 and 13a-13 [17 CFR §§ 240.12b-20 and 240.13a-13].

FIFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

Fang, Wang, and Tang Aided and Abetted CVVT's Exchange Act Section 10(b) and Rule 10b-5 Violations

90. Paragraphs 1 through 89 are realleged and incorporated herein by reference.

91. As set forth above, CVVT violated Exchange Act Section 10(b) [15 U.S.C. § 78j(b)] and Exchange Act Rule 10b-5 [17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5].

92. By reason of the conduct described above, Defendants Fang, Wang, and Tang knowingly provided substantial assistance to and thereby aided and abetted CVVT in its violations of Exchange Act Section 10(b) [15 U.S.C. § 78j(b)] and Exchange Act Rule 10b-5 [17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5].

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, the Commission respectfully requests that this Court enter a final judgment:

(a) Permanently enjoining Defendants CVVT, Fang, Wang, and Tang from violating, directly or indirectly, Exchange Act Section 10(b) [15 U.S.C. §§ 78j(b)] and Exchange Act Rule

10b-5 [17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5];

(b) Permanently enjoining Defendant CVVT from violating, directly or indirectly, Exchange Act Sections 13(a), 13(b)(2)(A), and 13(b)(2)(B) [15 U.S.C. §§ 78m(a), 78m(b)(2)(A) and 78m(b)(2)(B)] and Exchange Act Rules 12b-20, 13a-1, 13a-11 and 13a-13 [17 C.F.R. §§ 240.12b-20, 240.13a-1, 240.13a-11 and 240.13a-13];

(c) Permanently enjoining Defendant Fang from aiding and abetting violations of Exchange Act Sections 10(b), 13(a) and 13(b)(2)(A) [15 U.S.C. §§ 78j(b), 78m(a) and 78m(b)(2)(A)] and Exchange Act Rules 10b-5, 12b-20, 13a-11 and 13a-13 [17 C.F.R. §§ 240.10b-5, 240.12b-20, 240.13a-11 and 240.13a-13];

(d) Permanently enjoining Defendant Wang from aiding and abetting violations of Exchange Act Sections 10(b), 13(a) and 13(b)(2)(A) [15 U.S.C. §§ 78j(b), 78m(a) and 78m(b)(2)(A)] and Exchange Act Rules 10b-5, 12b-20, 13a-1, 13a-11 and 13a-13 [17 C.F.R. §§ 240.10b-5, 240.12b-20, 240.13a-1, 240.13a-11 and 240.13a-13];

(e) Permanently enjoining Defendant Tang from aiding and abetting violations of Exchange Act Sections 10(b), 13(a) and 13(b)(2)(A) [15 U.S.C. §§ 78j(b), 78m(a) and 78m(b)(2)(A)] and Exchange Act Rules 10b-5, 12b-20 and 13a-13 [17 C.F.R. §§ 240.10b-5, 240.12b-20 and 240.13a-13];

(f) Permanently enjoining Defendants Fang, Wang, and Tang from violating, directly or indirectly, Exchange Act Rule 13a-14 [17 C.F.R. § 240.13a-14];

(g) Imposing civil monetary penalties against Defendants CVVT, Fang, Wang, and Tang pursuant to Securities Act Section 20(d) [15 U.S.C. § 77t(d)] and Exchange Act Section 21(d)(3) [15 U.S.C. § 78u(d)(3)]; Pursuant to Securities Act 20(g) [15 U.S.C. § 77t(g)] and Exchange Act Section 21(d)(2) [15 U.S.C. § 78u(d)(2)];

(h) Prohibiting Defendants Fang, Wang, and Tang from acting as an officer or director of any issuer that has a class of securities registered pursuant to Exchange Act Section 12 [15 U.S.C. § 78I], or that is required to file reports pursuant to Exchange Act Section 15(d) [15 U.S.C. § 78o(d)]; and

(i) Granting such other and further relief as the Court deems just and appropriate.

Dated: September 29, 2014

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Exhibit B

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION v.
CHINA VALVES TECHNOLOGY, INC., et al.
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Cause: 12:22 Securities Fraud

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09/29/2014	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against All Defendants (Fee Status:Filing Fee Waived) filed by SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons Summons China Valves, # <u>3</u> Summons Summons Siping Fang, # <u>4</u> Summons Summons Renrui Tang, # <u>5</u> Summons Summons Jianbao Wang)(Nilson, Sarah) (Entered: 09/29/2014)
09/29/2014		Case Assigned to Judge Reggie B. Walton. (kb) (Entered: 09/30/2014)
09/30/2014	<u>2</u>	SUMMONS (4) Issued Electronically as to CHINA VALVES TECHNOLOGY, INC., SIPING FANG, RENRUI TANG, JIANBAO WANG. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Consent Form, # <u>2</u> Notice of Consent)(kb) (Main Document 2 replaced on 9/30/2014) (kb,). (Entered: 09/30/2014)
10/01/2014	<u>3</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Alfred Arthur Day on behalf of SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Day, Alfred) (Entered: 10/01/2014)
10/27/2014	<u>4</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. CHINA VALVES TECHNOLOGY, INC. served on 10/16/2014, answer due 11/6/2014; SIPING FANG served on 10/16/2014, answer due 11/6/2014; RENRUI TANG served on 10/16/2014, answer due 11/6/2014 (Day, Alfred) (Entered: 10/27/2014)
10/27/2014	<u>5</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by George Kostolampros on behalf of CHINA VALVES TECHNOLOGY, INC., SIPING FANG, RENRUI TANG (Kostolampros, George) (Entered: 10/27/2014)
10/27/2014	<u>6</u>	STIPULATION <i>For Extension of Time To Answer or Otherwise Respond to Complaint</i> by CHINA VALVES TECHNOLOGY, INC., SIPING FANG, RENRUI TANG. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Kostolampros, George) (Entered: 10/27/2014)
11/03/2014		MINUTE ORDER. In light of the plaintiff's consent and for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED that the defendants' motion for an extension of time to respond to the plaintiff's complaint is GRANTED, and the defendants shall respond to the Complaint on or before December 22, 2014. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on November 3, 2014. (lcrbw1) (Entered: 11/03/2014)

11/04/2014		Set/Reset Deadlines: Answer or respond to complaint by 12/22/2014, (mpt,) (Entered: 11/04/2014)
12/17/2014	<u>7</u>	STIPULATION <i>For Extension of Time To Answer or Otherwise Respond to Complaint</i> by CHINA VALVES TECHNOLOGY, INC., SIPING FANG, RENRUI TANG. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order Proposed Order) (Kostolampros, George) (Entered: 12/17/2014)
12/19/2014		MINUTE ORDER. In light of the plaintiff's consent and for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED that the defendants' motion for an extension of time to respond to the plaintiff's complaint is GRANTED, and the defendants shall respond to the Complaint on or before January 23, 2015. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on December 18, 2014. (lcrbw1) (Entered: 12/19/2014)
12/22/2014		Set/Reset Deadlines: Answer or respond to complaint by 1/23/2015, (mpt,) (Entered: 12/22/2014)
01/22/2015	<u>8</u>	STIPULATION <i>FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO ANSWER OR OTHERWISE RESPOND TO COMPLAINT</i> by CHINA VALVES TECHNOLOGY, INC., SIPING FANG, RENRUI TANG. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order Proposed Order)(Kostolampros, George) (Entered: 01/22/2015)
01/23/2015	<u>9</u>	ORDER. The parties' motion for an extension of time for the defendants to file responsive pleadings is GRANTED, and the defendants shall file responsive pleadings to the Complaint on or before February 6, 2015. The parties are instructed that future filings requesting extensions of time that are not characterized as motions for relief will be denied. See image for details. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on January 23, 2015. (lcrbw1) (Entered: 01/23/2015)
01/26/2015		Set/Reset Deadlines: Answer or respond to complaint by 2/6/2015, (mpt,) (Entered: 01/26/2015)
02/05/2015	<u>10</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer <i>Or Otherwise Respond to Complaint</i> by CHINA VALVES TECHNOLOGY, INC., SIPING FANG, RENRUI TANG (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order) (Kostolampros, George) (Entered: 02/05/2015)
02/06/2015		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>10</u> Motion for Extension of Time to Answer. In light of the plaintiff's consent, and for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED that the defendants' motion for an extension of time to respond to the Complaint is GRANTED, and the defendants shall respond to the Complaint on or before February 13, 2015. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on February 6, 2015. (lcrbw1,) (Entered: 02/06/2015)
02/06/2015		Set/Reset Deadlines: Answer to the Complaint due by 2/13/2015. (tg,) (Entered: 02/06/2015)
02/09/2015	<u>11</u>	Joint MOTION to Stay <i>Pending Consideration of Proposed Settlement</i> by SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Nilson, Sarah) (Entered: 02/09/2015)
02/10/2015		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>11</u> Motion to Stay. In light of the parties' consent, and for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED that the Joint Motion for

		Stay Pending Consideration of Proposed Settlement by the Securities and Exchange Commission is GRANTED, and this case is STAYED with respect to defendants China Valves Technology, Inc., Siping Fang, and Renrui Tang, pending further Order of the Court. The stay does not apply to the case with respect to defendant Jianbao Wang. It is further ORDERED that the parties shall promptly notify the Court once the plaintiff has completed its consideration of the proposed settlement terms. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on February 10, 2015. (lcrbw1) (Entered: 02/10/2015)
02/11/2015		Set/Reset Deadlines: Answer or respond to complaint by 2/13/2015, (mpt,) (Entered: 02/11/2015)
05/12/2015	<u>12</u>	CONSENT AND UNDERTAKING by SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION. (Nilson, Sarah) (Entered: 05/12/2015)
05/12/2015	<u>13</u>	NOTICE of Proposed Order <i>entering Final Judgment as to China Valves</i> by SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Nilson, Sarah) (Entered: 05/12/2015)
05/12/2015	<u>14</u>	CONSENT AND UNDERTAKING by SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION. (Nilson, Sarah) (Entered: 05/12/2015)
05/12/2015	<u>15</u>	NOTICE of Proposed Order <i>entering Final Judgment as to Siping Fang</i> by SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION re <u>14</u> Consent and Undertaking (Nilson, Sarah) (Entered: 05/12/2015)
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05/14/2015		MINUTE ORDER. It is hereby ORDERED that this case is ADMINISTRATIVELY CLOSED, pending service of defendant Jianbao Wang. If the plaintiff effects service and intends to pursue litigation against this defendant, it shall file a notice with the Court indicating as such. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on May 14, 2015. (lcrbw1) (Entered: 05/14/2015)

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