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DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT

December 1, 2016

By UPS and Email (alj@sec.gov)

The Honorable Jason S. Patil Administrative Law Judge U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission 100 F Street, N.E. Washington, DC 20549-2557

Re: In the Matter of Donald F. ("Jay") Lathen, Jr., Admin. Proc. File No. 3-17387

Dear Judge Patil:

I represent the Division of Enforcement (the "Division") in this matter and write to apprise the Court of matters relevant to Respondents' Motion for Reconsideration of the "Order on Privilege Waiver."

Background

On November 10, 2016, the Court issued an Order granting, in part, the Division's Motion for a Finding of Privilege Waiver. The Court's order relates to four document productions that Respondents produced to the Division during the Division's investigation in 2015 and 2016. The Court granted the Division's motion with respect to three of the four document productions, holding that "Respondents did not act reasonably to prevent disclosure" (Order at 6). Specifically, as to the Respondents' May 2015 production, the Court found that "the disclosure occurred because Respondents' counsel relied on an untrained, non-attorney to compile the documents at issue and then failed to conduct any privilege review at all" (Order at 4-5). As to the August/September 2015 production, the Court found that it was "unreasonable to solely rely on an untrained, non-attorney to conduct" the privilege review (Order at 5). Finally, with respect to Respondents' April 2016 production, the Court concluded that Respondents "took no steps to avoid disclosure" (Order at 6). Thus the Court held that the privilege was waived as to documents produced to the Division on those dates. But, as a matter of fairness, the Court carved out an exception for privileged documents relating to Respondents' litigation strategy. Thus, the Court ordered Respondents to submit to the Court for in camera review, all documents over which Respondents were claiming privilege relating to their defense in this matter. And the Court ordered the Division to keep the privileged documents segregated pending its ruling.

On November 17, 2016, Respondents moved the Court for reconsideration of that decision. The Division opposes that motion for the reasons laid out in its November 23, 2016 submission. Respondents replied on November 6, 2016.

Respondents' Counsel Asserts an Additional Privilege

On November 25 and 29, 2016—before Respondents filed their reply brief in support of their reconsideration motion—the Division received the attached emails from Kevin Galbraith, an attorney who represents Respondent Lathen in a related private litigation now pending in New York State Supreme Court. Mr. Galbraith's email indicates that he is now asserting an unspecified privilege over unspecified communications that Respondents' current counsel turned over to the Division in May and September 2015 and April 2016 - i.e. the three productions about which the Court ruled Respondents had waived privilege. Mr. Galbraith has not yet identified either the privilege he asserts, on whose behalf he asserts it (whether on his own or Mr. Lathen's), or to which documents it relates – whether documents Respondents have already attempted to assert a privilege over, or ones produced, but not yet identified as privileged.

The Division has segregated all documents required by the Court's order on November 10, 2016, pending the Court's decision on the Reconsideration Motion. We will do the same for any documents Mr. Galbraith identifies, although it remains unclear when Mr. Galbraith will be submitting such a list to the Division. If the documents over which Mr. Galbraith is now asserting a privilege were part of those that were never apparently subject to a privilege review by Respondents' counsel, they are covered by the Court's Order of November 10, 2016. If this is the case, they are either documents for which the privilege was waived or documents purportedly pertaining to litigation strategy, which are required to be submitted to the Court *in camera* for the Court's review. And, if the documents Mr. Galbraith now demands that the Division return were never identified by Mr. Protass as privileged – not prior to production to the Division, nor in the list of "inadvertently privileged" documents Mr. Protass finally provided as Exhibit 15 to his November 1, 2016 Affirmation in Response to the Division's Motion for a Finding of Privilege Waiver – then the lack of care Respondents have taken to date to protect their privilege, which the Court discussed in its original ruling on this subject, is even more severe.

Mr. Galbraith has also represented Respondents in connection with Respondents' disputes with certain issuers in this case, and has been identified by Respondents as one of the attorneys upon whose advice Lathen relied in connection with the structuring of his business. (See Protass October 25, 2016 Letter and attachment (enclosed).) Judge Grimes authorized the Division to issue a subpoena to Mr. Galbraith on November 15, 2016. The Division is still awaiting a response from Mr. Galbraith.

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The Court should also be aware that Mr. Protass was copied on Mr. Galbraith's email to the Division. Consequently, the Division hoped that Respondents would have brought it to the Court's attention in their Reply to their Reconsideration Motion, filed on November 29, 2016, but they did not. Given the relevance of Mr. Galbraith's privilege claims to Respondents' reconsideration motion, the Division believes the Court should be aware of it.

Sincerely,

Judith A. Weinstock

Enclosures

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October 25, 2016

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Re: In the Matter of Donald F. Lathen, Jr., Eden Arc Capital Management, LLC and Eden Arc Capital Advisors, LLC, Admin. Proc. File No. 3-17387

Dear Ms. Weinstock:

Pursuant to Judge Grimes' Order on Motion to Preclude Advice-of-Counsel Defense, dated October 18, 2016, enclosed please find a chart listing the names and contact information for every attorney (except for this firm and Brune Law P.C.) with whom Donald F. Lathen, Jr., Eden Arc Capital Management, LLC and Eden Arc Capital Advisors, LLC "consulted, at any time 'through approximately February 2016.' about 'the structure of and structuring of' the joint tenancies at issue in this case."

Very truly yours,

/s/

Harlan Protass

Encl.

cc: Nancy Brown, Esq. (via e-mail w/ encl.)
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October 25, 2016

In the Matter of Donald F. Lathen, Jr., Eden Arc Capital Management, LLC and Eden Arc Capital Advisors, LLC, Admin. Proc. File No. 3-17387

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Subject:

Re: In the Matter of Donald F. Lathen, Jr., et al., Admin. Proc. File No. 3-17397

Date:

Tuesday, November 29, 2016 9:06:04 AM

Attachments:

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Dear Ms. Weinstock:

Yes, I am aware of the procedural posture concerning this issue. I am writing on my own behalf to let you know that I intend to request that the Division return to me, as a matter of professional courtesy, the privileged emails I exchanged with my client regarding litigation strategy in the Prospect matter. I will identify them specifically by means of a privilege log.

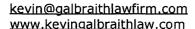
Thank you.

Kevin



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From: "Weinstock, Judith" <weinstockj@SEC.GOV> **Date:** Monday, November 28, 2016 at 10:24 AM **To:** Kevin Galbraith <kevin@kevingalbraithlaw.com>

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Subject: RE: In the Matter of Donald F.Lathen, Jr., et al., Admin. Proc. File No. 3-17397

Dear Mr. Galbraith,

We've already segregated all documents required by the Judge's November 10, 2016 order in this case. If there are others that you wish to identify, please let us know and we will segregate them. Please include a full privilege log so that we can understand what privilege you are asserting. In segregating any documents over which you claim a privilege, however, we reserve our rights as to all challenges we may make as to any privilege claimed by you or Mr. Protass, and any waiver that may

have been asserted or effected. Further, and as you know, the Court has ordered Respondents to submit documents relating to "legal strategy" for in camera review, and Respondents have requested reconsideration of that order.

Sincerely,

Judy Weinstock

From: Kevin Galbraith [mailto:kevin@kevingalbraithlaw.com]

Sent: Friday, November 25, 2016 7:38 AM

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Protass

Subject: In the Matter of Donald F.Lathen, Jr., et al., Admin. Proc. File No. 3-17397

Dear Ms. Weinstock:

I write to notify you that my firm intends to formally request that the SEC staff return to us email communications between my firm and Mr. Lathen reflecting litigation strategy in the *Prospect Capital Corp. v. Lathen et al.* matter, which were inadvertently produced to the SEC by Clayman & Rosenberg in May 2015, September 2015 and April 2016. The emails at issue are not relevant to your case and could seriously prejudice Mr. Lathen's defense in the Prospect matter, should they be produced to Prospect counsel.

I have recently received from Clayman & Rosenberg the subject emails and am in the process of reviewing them to determine which of them should be returned. Once I have completed my review, I will identify those that should be returned and provide a copy of them for your reference and consideration.

We appreciate your expected cooperation and courtesy in this regard.

Best,

Kevin Galbraith



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Subject: In the Matter of Donald F.Lathen, Jr., et al., Admin. Proc. File No. 3-17397

Dear Judy ---

Please see the attached letter and the other attachments to this e-mail, both of which relate to the production of e-mails consistent with the invocation of an advice of counsel defense.

Best regards,

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA Before the SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION



ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING File No. 3-17387

In the Matter of

DONALD F. ("JAY") LATHEN, JR., EDEN ARC CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, LLC, and EDEN ARC CAPITAL ADVISORS, LLC

Respondents.

Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that I served the Division of Enforcement's December 1, 2016 letter on this 1st day of December, 2016, on the below parties by the means indicated:

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