# UNITED STATES OF AMERICA Before the SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of

WINDSOR STREET CAPITAL, L.P.

(f/k/a MEYERS ASSOCIATES, L.P.), :

et al..

ANSWER AND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES OF WINDSOR STREET CAPITAL, L.P.

(F/K/A MEYERS ASSOCIATES, L.P.)

Respondents.

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Respondent Windsor Street Capital, L.P. (f/k/a Meyers Associates, L.P.) ("Meyers"), by and through its counsel, Becker & Poliakoff, LLP, submits its Answer and Affirmative Defenses to the Order Instituting Administrative and Cease-And-Desist Proceedings Pursuant to Section 8A of the Securities Act of 1933, Sections 15(b) and 21C of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and Section 9(b) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 and Notice of Hearing (hereinafter referred to as the "Order"), as follows:

#### ANSWER TO ALLEGATIONS

#### A. RESPONDENTS

- 1. Meyers admits the allegations contained in Paragraph 1 of the Order.
- 2. Meyers admits the allegations contained in Paragraph 2 of the Order.

#### **B. SUMMARY OF CLAIMS**

- 3. Meyers denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 3 of the Order.
- 4. Meyers denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 4 of the Order.
- 5. Meyers denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 5 of the Order.

6. Meyers admits the allegations contained in the first sentence of Paragraph 6 of the Order, and denies the remainder of the allegations.

#### C. MEYERS ASSOCIATES' SECTION 5 VIOLATIONS

- 7. Meyers denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 7 of the Order.
- 8. Meyers denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 8 of the Order.
- 9. Meyers denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 9 of the Order.
- 10. Meyers admits the allegations contained in the first two sentences of Paragraph 10 of the Order and denies the remainder of the allegations.
- 11. Meyers denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 11 of the Order.

#### D. RESPONDENTS' SECTION 17(a) VIOLATIONS

- 12. Meyers neither admits nor denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 12 of the Order.
- 13. Meyers neither admits nor denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 13 of the Order.
- 14. Meyers admits the allegations contained in Paragraph 14 of the Order.
- 15. Meyers admits the allegations contained in Paragraph 15 of the Order.
- 16. Meyers admits the allegations contained in Paragraph 16 of the Order.
- 17. Meyers neither admits nor denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 17 of the Order.
- 18. Meyers neither admits nor denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 18 of the Order.
- 19. Meyers denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 19 of the Order.
- 20. Meyers denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 20 of the Order.

- 21. Meyers denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 21 of the Order.

  Barton and Goode's Trading in Alternaturals, MedGen and Manzo Shares
- 22. Meyers denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 22 of the Order.
- 23. Meyers denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 23 of the Order.
- 24. Meyers denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 24 of the Order.

  Customer A's Trading in NewLead Holdings Ltd.
- 25. Meyers denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 25 of the Order.
- 26. Meyers denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 26 of the Order.

  Customer B's Trading in FirstIn Wireless Technology, Inc.
- 27. Meyers denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 27 of the Order.
- 28. Meyers denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 28 of the Order.

  Customer C's Trading in Choose Rain Inc.
- 29. Meyers denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 29 of the Order.
- 30. Meyers denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 30 of the Order.

  Customer D's Trading in OSL Holdings, Inc.
- 31. Meyers denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 31 of the Order.
- 32. Meyers denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 32 of the Order.

#### Customer E and F's Trading in Innovative Product Opportunities

- 33. Meyers denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 33 of the Order.
- 34. Meyers denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 34 of the Order.

  Customer G's Trading in ProtoKinetix, Inc.
- 35. Meyers denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 35 of the Order.
- 36. Meyers denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 36 of the Order.

#### Customer H's Trading in Discovery Minerals, Ltd.

- 37. Meyers denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 37 of the Order.
- 38. Meyers denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 38 of the Order.

#### E. VIOLATIONS

- 1. Meyers denies the allegations contained in Paragraph E (1) of the Order.
- 2. Meyers denies the allegations contained in Paragraph E (2) of the Order.

#### **AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES**

- Meyers developed and implemented reasonable and robust anti-money laundering ("AML") compliance procedures, separate and apart from its general Written Supervisory Procedures.
- Meyers reasonably relied on its experienced and trained personnel to administer and implement its AML procedures, namely John Telfer, the designated AML officer and chief compliance officer during the time period at issue.
- Meyers reasonably relied on its third-party vendor MicroBilt to conduct background checks and obtain credit data and risk management information on new prospective clients before opening an account.
- 4. Meyers was and remains an introducing broker/dealer, whose customer accounts are carried on the books and records of COR Clearing. LLC ("COR"), a broker/dealer registered with the Commission since at least 2002, pursuant to a Fully Disclosed Clearing Agreement. Meyers's broker/dealer activities and specifically any customer sales of low priced or "penny stock" securities, are subject to the internal requirements and approval of COR. COR published and implemented an internal policy designated to specifically handle the sale of the types of securities described in the Order. The

policy, explained in a 60-page document titled "COR Clearing, LLC Correspondent Guidebook for Heightened Risk Securities Applicable to JOBS Act Securities, Non-NMS Stock, Certificated and Restricted Securities" (the "Penny Stock Policy") describes in detail the processes, procedures and requirements for the sale of securities covered under the Penny Stock Policy by its correspondent firms. COR's Penny Stock Policy required that all applicable securities transactions be reviewed and approved by COR prior to execution. COR assessed a significant fee per-transaction due to the extensive nature of its review and approval process, which included review by COR's securities counsel. Proposed transactions that did not conform with COR's requirements were rejected and not processed unless and until any deficiencies were remedied, if possible. For example, if COR determined that the securities weren't eligible for sale under a proposed Rule 144 sale, that sale would not take place. Therefore, it was COR and not Meyers that was the actual seller of the securities.

- 5. As a result of COR's extensive and robust policies in connection with the sale of the types of securities described in the Order, Meyers reasonably relied on COR as its clearing firm, and particularly COR's counsel to review and approve the sale of any securities covered under COR's Penny Stock Policy.
- 6. Meyers' reliance on COR's policies, processes and determinations was reasonable based on the relative size, experience and infrastructure of each firm, and the fact that COR provided similar functions for many other introducing broker/dealers on its platform.
- 7. Meyers' had the right to rely on COR to perform the review and approval of securities transactions for securities covered by COR's Penny Stock Policy, just as it relied on

COR to properly and adequately perform other types of functions pursuant to the Fully
Disclosed Clearing Agreement

Meyers reserves the right to assert such additional separate defenses as are revealed to it during discovery in this matter up to and including the time of hearing.

#### PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Meyers respectfully requests that the Commission dismiss the Order Instituting Administrative and Cease-And-Desist Proceedings Pursuant to Section 8A of the Securities Act of 1933, Sections 15(b) and 21C of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and Section 9(b) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 and Notice of Hearing with prejudice.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE** 

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The undersigned hereby certifies that on March 2, 2017 the foregoing Answer and Affirmative Defenses on behalf of Respondent, Windsor Street Capital, L.P., was served upon the Office of the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, via FedEx to:

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