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**By Email and Federal Express** 

Hon. James Grimes Administrative Law Judge SEC Headquarters 100 F Street, N.E. Washington, D.C. 20549

# Re: In the Matter of Martin Shkreli, Administrative Proceeding No. 3-18127

Dear Judge Grimes:

We respectfully request that the Court accept this letter in lieu of a formal memorandum in opposition to the Division's request for a deposition of Mr. Shkreli and the Division's request for an onerous document subpoena. This Court should deny both requests.

## The Division's Request for a Deposition of Mr. Shkreli

We oppose the Division's request to depose Mr. Shkreli. Under 17 C.F.R. § 201.233 (b),

[t]he Commission or the hearing officer may grant a party's request to file a written notice of deposition if the requesting party shows that the prospective witness will likely give testimony material to the proceeding; that it is likely the prospective witness, who is then within the United States, will be unable to attend or testify at the hearing because of age, sickness, infirmity, imprisonment, other disability, or absence from the United States, unless it appears that the absence of the witness was procured by the party requesting the deposition; and that the taking of a deposition will serve the interests of justice.

17 C.F.R. § 201.233 (b). Although Mr. Shkreli is imprisoned and unavailable, the Division fails to establish that Mr. Shkreli will likely give testimony material to the proceeding and that taking his deposition will "serve the interests of justice." <u>Id.</u> At this time, Mr. Shkreli is incarcerated at

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the Metropolitan Detention Center, located in Brooklyn, New York. This is a maximum security facility. As I have previously advised the Division verbally, Mr. Shkreli will invoke his right to remain silent under the Fifth Amendment to the United States Constitution in response to <u>every</u> question posed to him during a deposition in this, or any other, proceeding. I have also advised the Division that Mr. Shkreli is prepared to sign an affidavit confirming his invocation of his Fifth Amendment Privilege in response to every question posed to him by the Division. Accordingly, a deposition held at any Bureau of Prisons facility will not result in testimony that is material to the proceeding.

This is particularly true in light of Mr. Shkreli's willingness to provide an affidavit confirming that he will invoke his rights under the Fifth Amendment. An affidavit affirming his invocation of his Fifth Amendment privilege will permit the Division to argue for any adverse inference that it would argue for based on a deposition during which Mr. Shkreli invokes his Fifth Amendment privilege.

To force the orchestration of a deposition in a Bureau of Prisons ("B.O.P.") facility for the sole purpose of having Mr. Shkreli invoke his privilege before a reporter, rather than in a sworn affidavit, will not produce material information and does not serve the ends of justice. On the contrary, it is an utter waste of resources. We respectfully request that the Division's request for a deposition of Mr. Shkreli be denied.

# The Division's Request for a Document Subpoena

The Division also requests that the Court authorize the issuance of a subpoena to produce documents. Mr. Shkreli has no substantive objection to the Division's request for documents identified in paragraph C(1) and paragraph C(2) of the <u>Division's Attachment A to Subpoena to</u> <u>Produce Documents to Martin Shkreli (Division Attachment A)</u>. However, we do request that the Court extend the deadline for production of such documents, if any responsive documents exist, for at least one month until April 30, 2018. Regarding the Division's request in paragraph C (4) of <u>Division Attachment A</u> for "[a]ll documents and communications concerning respondent's assertion of his 5th Amendment Privilege against self-incrimination in response to paragraph II.A.1. of the Order instituting this Proceeding," if any responsive documents exist, they are subject to attorney-client privilege and will not be produced.

Mr. Shkreli respectfully submits that the remainder of the Division's subpoena request should be denied as "unreasonable, oppressive, excessive in scope, [and] unduly burdensome" 17 C.F.R. § 201.232 (b). At the outset, Mr. Shkreli was stunned to learn that the SEC, which has been pursuing him since 2012, is lacking in documents or evidence to prosecute its administrative proceeding. Over the years, through prior counsel and before any criminal indictment, Mr. Shkreli produced countless documents and correspondence in response to SEC subpoenas and investigations.

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In addition, the SEC and the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of New York (EDNY) have been coordinating their investigations and prosecutions of Mr. Shkreli since at least 2014. The SEC has pending civil litigation before the Eastern District of New York, (Matsumoto, J.) that has been stayed pending the outcome of the criminal case. The SEC civil complaint tracks the criminal indictment and was filed the very same day that the criminal indictment against Mr. Shkreli was unsealed in December 2015. Notably, discovery produced to Mr. Shkreli during the discovery process in the criminal proceeding included materials provided by the SEC to the EDNY. Clearly, the EDNY and the SEC Enforcement Division worked together to investigate, prosecute and punish Mr. Shkreli.<sup>1</sup> As a result, Mr. Shkreli is convicted of three of eight counts in the indictment and he is incarcerated. Yet, incredibly, the Division now turns to Mr. Shkreli to produce documents from jail in order for the Division to pursue its administrative proceeding against him.

More to the point, regarding item C (3) from the <u>Division's Attachment A</u>, MSMB Capital and MSMB Healthcare documents have not been in Mr. Shkreli's custody and control since the time that he was removed as C.E.O. of Retrophin. Retrophin improperly retained the MSMB entities' documents and then produced them to the government without authorization. Mr. Shkreli has none of these documents in his custody and control. For him to pursue obtaining these documents while incarcerated is "unreasonable" and "oppressive." <u>Id.</u> On the other hand, any documents identified in paragraph C(3) that the SEC seeks, should be readily available to the SEC in its own investigative files and through the EDNY.

In paragraph C(5), the Division essentially requests the entire record of the EDNY criminal proceeding against Mr. Shkreli. For example, as part of its request for documents, the Division asks for "Communications and other Documents Concerning the Criminal Proceeding." This request is "oppressive," "excessive in scope" and as a practical matter compliance is impossible. First, communications regarding the trial are not relevant evidence as to the actual conduct by Mr. Shkreli that would support a finding that he acted as an investment advisor and/or what sanction may be appropriate if the Division meets its initial burden. If they were, Mr. Shkreli would invoke his Fifth Amendment privilege on act of production grounds. Second, any and all of Mr. Shkreli's communications regarding the trial are not in his custody and control while he is incarcerated. Third, Mr. Shkreli was aware of a criminal investigation in early 2015; his trial did not end until August 2017; he was not sentenced until March 9, 2018; to accumulate, review and cull through nearly three years of communications while Mr. Shkreli is incarcerated would require many months.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> <u>See Ex. A: SEC v. Martin Shkreli et al.</u>, 15-cv-07175 (KAM). The SEC civil action names Mr. Greebel, MSMB Capital Management LLC and MSMB Healthcare LLC as co-defendants. A review of the civil complaint demonstrates that the SEC has access to the MSMB entities' bank records, trading records and performance estimates, as well as other documents that were introduced into evidence by the EDNY during the criminal proceeding against Mr. Shkreli.

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Moreover, the Division requests "proposed and admitted exhibits" and all "hearing and trial transcripts" from the criminal proceeding. We respectfully advise the Court that thousands of pages of exhibits were admitted into evidence during the criminal proceeding.<sup>2</sup> Almost all of those exhibits were government exhibits admitted through witnesses called to testify by the EDNY. Consequently, the EDNY should be in a position to provide those documents to the Division. In addition, the entire trial record, including transcripts, and sentencing submissions are publicly available through the District Court for the Eastern District of New York. Finally, both the Division and the EDNY have access to the trial record and ample resources to conduct a review of the volumes of trial material. Without doubt, the EDNY will aid the Division in its efforts to persuade this Court to impose further consequences on Mr. Shkreli for the conduct of conviction.

The Division's unreasonable and burdensome document requests in paragraph C(3) and C (5) should be denied. In these paragraphs, the Division requests documents that are already in its possession and if the documents are not already in the Division's possession the documents are readily accessible as a matter of public record and/or through its sister agency, the EDNY. Accordingly, this Court should deny these requests.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Zellan

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Mr. Shkreli has agreed to comply with paragraph C (1) and C (2) of the Division's subpoena request and asks only for an extension of the compliance date. To the degree that Mr. Shkreli will rely on exhibits or other materials from the criminal trial in this proceeding, those documents will be produced pursuant to paragraph C(1) and C(2).

# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on March 23, 2018, I caused the original and three copies of the

foregoing response to be filed:

Brent J. Fields Secretary Securities and Exchange Commission 100 F Street NE, Mail Stop 1090 Washington, DC 20549

I further certify that I caused to be served a copy of the foregoing via email and fedex

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I further certify that I caused a courtesy copy of the foregoing to be provided by email to:

The Honorable James Grimes Administrative Law Judge Securities and Exchange Commission 100 F Street NE, Mail Stop 2582 Washington, DC 20549

# **EXHIBIT** A

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MARTIN SHKRELI,	JURY DEMAND
EVAN GREEBEL,	JUNI DEMAND
MSMB CAPITAL MANAGEMENT LLC,	
and :	
MSMB HEALTHCARE MANAGEMENT LLC, :	
Defendants.	

Plaintiff Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission"), for its Complaint against

Defendants Martin Shkreli ("Shkreli"), Evan Greebel ("Greebel"), MSMB Capital Management

LLC ("MSMB Adviser") and MSMB Healthcare Management LLC ("MSMB Healthcare

Adviser"), alleges as follows:

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# **SUMMARY**

1. This case involves widespread fraudulent conduct orchestrated by Shkreli from at least October 2009 through March 2014. Some of this fraudulent conduct was aided and abetted

by Shkreli's lawyer, Greebel.

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2.e Shkreli was the founder and portfolio manager of MSMB Capital Management LPe ("MSMB") and MSMB Healthcare LP ("MSMB Healthcare"), a pair of hedge funds. He was also the managing member of defendants MSMB Adviser and MSMB Healthcare Adviser, the investment advisers to MSMB and MSMB Healthcare, respectively. Shkreli made material misrepresentations and omissions to investors and prospective investors in MSMB; lied to one of MSMB's executing brokers about MSMBes ability to settle short sales Shkreli had made in MSMB's account; and misappropriated funds from MSMB and MSMB Healthcare. Later, after Shkreli had founded and taken public a pharmaceutical company, Retrophin, Inc. ("Retrophin"), Shkreli, aided and abetted by Greebel, fraudulently induced Retrophin to fund settlements with persons who had claims against Shkreli arising out of their investments in Shkreli's hedge funds.

3. Specifically, Shkreli, and through him MSMB Adviser or MSMB Healthcare Adviser, engaged in the following fraudulent conduct:

a.e From October 2009 through July 2011, Shkreli misappropriated approximatelye \$120,000 of investor funds from MSMB.

b.e From July 2010 through September 2012, Shkreli made materiale misrepresentations to investors and potential investors in MSMB, including statements (i) exaggerating MSMB's investment performance, (ii) inflating the amount of MSMB's assets under management, and (iii) falsely stating that MSMB had retained an independent auditor and a professional administrator.

c.e On or about February 1, 2011, Shkreli, on behalf of MSMB, sold short over 32e million shares of an issuer referred to herein as "Company A" in MSMB's account at a

registered broker-dealer referred to herein as "Executing Broker." In placing the short sales, Shkreli represented to Executing Broker that MSMB had located sources from which to borrow the shares necessary to settle the trades through MSMB's prime broker, referred to herein as "Prime Broker."

d.e From January through March, 2013, Shkreli misappropriated approximatelye \$900,000 of investor funds from MSMB Healthcare to fund the settlement of an arbitration proceeding brought by Executing Broker in connection with MSMB's failure to settle its short sales of Company A's stock, as a result of which Executing Broker incurred a loss of over \$7 million.

e.e From September 2013 through March 2014, Shkreli, aided and abetted bye Greebel, who was Retrophin's outside counsel and corporate secretary, fraudulently induced Retrophin to issue Retrophin stock and make cash payments to certain disgruntled investors in Shkreli's hedge funds by having the investors enter into agreements with Retrophin that misleadingly stated that the payments were for consulting services, when in fact the payments were for the release of potential claims against Shkreli. Shkreli misrepresented and/or omitted to disclose to Retrophin's Board of Directors ("Board") that the primary purpose of the agreements was to settle potential claims against Shkreli.

#### VIOLATIONS

4.e Based on the conduct alleged in this Complaint, Shkreli is liable for violations of e Sections 17(a)(1) and 17(a)(2) of the Securities Act of 1933 ("Securities Act"), 15 U.S.C. § 77q(a)(1) & (2), Section 10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act"), 15

U.S.C. § 78j(b), and Rules 10b-5 and 10b-21 thereunder, 17 C.F.R. §§ 240.10b-5 and 10b-21; Sections 206(1), 206(2), and 206(4) of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 ("Advisers Act"), 15 U.S.C. §§ 80b-6(1), 80b-6(2) and 80b-6(4), and Rule 206(4)-8 thereunder, 17 C.F.R. § 275.206(4)-8, and for aiding and abetting MSMB Adviser's violations of Sections 206(1), 206(2), and 206(4) of the Advisers Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 80b-6(1), 80b-6(2) and 80b-6(4), and Rule 206(4)-8 thereunder, 17 C.F.R. § 275.206(4)-8, and MSMB Healthcare Adviser's violations of Sections 206(1) and 206(2) of the Advisers Acte 15 U.S.C. §§ 80b-6(1) and 80b-6(2).

5.e Based on the conduct alleged in this Complaint, Greebel is liable for aiding ande abetting Shkreli's violation of Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. § 78j(b), and Rule 10b-5 thereunder, 17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5.

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6.e Based on the conduct alleged in this Complaint, MSMB Adviser is liable fore violations of Sections 206(1), 206(2), and 206(4) of the Advisers Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 80b-6(1), 80b-6(2) and 80b-6(4), and Rule 206(4)-8 thereunder, 17 C.F.R. § 275.206(4)-8.

7.e Based on the conduct alleged in this Complaint, MSMB Healthcare Adviser is liablee for violations of Sections 206(1) and 206(2) of the Advisers Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 80b-6(1) and 80b-6(2).

## JURISDICTION AND VENUE

8.e The Commission brings this action pursuant to the authority conferred upon it bye Section 20(b) of the Securities Act, 15 U.S.C. § 77t(b), Section 21(d) of the Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. § 78u(d), and Section 209(d) of the Advisers Act, 15 U.S.C. § 80b-9(d), seeking permanently to enjoin Defendants from engaging in the acts, practices and courses of business alleged herein.

9.e The Commission also seeks a final judgment requiring Defendants to disgorge illgotten gains, if any, with prejudgment interest thereon, and to pay civil money penalties pursuant to Section 20(d) of the Securities Act, 15 U.S.C. § 77t(d), Section 21(d)(3) of the Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. § 78u(d)(3), and Section 209(e) of the Advisers Act, 15 U.S.C. § 80b-9(e).

10.eThe Commission also seeks a final judgment entering an officer-and-director bare against Shkreli pursuant to Section 20(e) of the Securities Act, 15 U.S.C. § 77t(e), and Section 21(d)(2) of the Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. § 78u(d)(2), and entering an officer-and-director bar against Greebel pursuant to Section 21(d)(2) of the Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. § 78u(d)(2).

11.eThis Court has jurisdiction over this action pursuant to Sections 20(d) and 22(a) of thee Securities Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 77t(d) and 77v(a), Sections 21(d) and 27 of the Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 78u(d) and 78aa, and Sections 209(c), 209(d) and 209(e) of the Advisers Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 80b-9(c), 80b-9(d) and 80b-9(e).

12.eVenue is proper in the Eastern District of New York pursuant to Section 22(a) of thee Securities Act, 15 U.S.C. § 77v(a), Section 27 of the Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. § 78aa, and Section 209(d) of the Advisers Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 80b-9(d). Certain of the transactions, acts, practices and courses of business constituting the violations alleged herein occurred in the Eastern District of New York, including, among other things, the misappropriation of funds from investors of MSMB.

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#### **DEFENDANTS**

13.eShkreli, age 32, is a resident of New York, New York. Shkreli was the Managinge Partner and the portfolio manager for MSMB and MSMB Healthcare and the Managing Member of MSMB Adviser and MSMB Healthcare Adviser. In March 2011, Shkreli founded Retrophin

LLC, a pharmaceuticals company that went public in December 2012 and became Retrophin, Inc. (collectively with Retrophin LLC, "Retrophin"). Shkreli was Retrophin's President and CEO until September 30, 2014. Shkreli currently is the CEO of Turing Pharmaceuticals, a privately-held company he founded after he left Retrophin.

14.eGreebel, age 42, is a resident of Scarsdale, New York. Greebel is admitted to the bare of the State of New York and represented Retrophin as outside counsel from the company's inception in 2011 until October 2014. Greebel also served as Retrophin's corporate secretary during the relevant time.

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15.dMSMB Adviser is a Delaware limited liability company that served as MSMB'se investment adviser. MSMB Adviser acted through Shkreli, its founder and managing member.

16.dMSMB Healthcare Adviser is a Delaware limited liability company that served ase MSMB Healthcare's investment adviser. MSMB Healthcare Adviser acted through Shkreli, its founder and managing member.

#### **OTHER RELEVANT PARTIES**

17. MSMB is a hedge fund established by Shkreli in 2009. MSMB is a Delaware limited partnership. Shkreli and MSMB Adviser acted as investment advisers to MSMB.

18.eMSMB Healthcare is a hedge fund established by Shkreli in February 2011. MSMBe Healthcare is a Delaware limited partnership. Shkreli and MSMB Healthcare Adviser acted as investment advisers to MSMB Healthcare.

19. Executing Broker is a registered broker-dealer and acted as an executing broker fore MSMB.

20.e Prime Broker is a registered broker-dealer and acted as prime broker for MSMB.e

21.e Investor A is a private investor who invested an aggregate of about \$1,250,000 ine MSMB during December 2010 and January 2011.

22.eRetrophin is a biopharmaceutical company incorporated in Delawarc and based ine New York, New York. Retrophin's common stock is registered with the Commission pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act and trades on NASDAQ.

23. Elea Capital ("Elea") was a hedge fund operated by Shkrcli in 2006 and 2007. Eleae ceased operations in 2007 following an unprofitable trade made by Shkrcli for Elea.

#### FACTS

## Background

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24.e From October 2009 to January 2011, nine investors invested a total of aboute \$3,015,000 in MSMB. MSMB began trading securities in November 2009.

25.eFrom November 2009 through November 2010, largely as a result of his trading,e Shkreli lost the over \$660,000 that had been invested in MSMB prior to November 30, 2010. As of November 30, 2010, the value of assets in MSMB's brokerage and bank accounts was only about \$331.

26.eMSMB was able to continue operating because Shkreli successfully solicited ane additional \$2.35 million in investments in December 2010 and January 2011, including the \$1.25 million invested by Investor A. By the end of January 2011, however, over half of the new money invested was gone, primarily due to trading losses, and the net asset value of MSMB's brokerage and bank accounts was only about \$1,126,000.

27.dBy the end of February 2011, MSMB's bank and brokerage accounts had a negativee value. As discussed below, Shkreli took a short position in Company A in MSMB's account at

Executing Broker in February 2011, which resulted in losses of over \$7 million in MSMBes account at Executing Broker. The net asset value of MSMB's other brokerage or bank accounts totaled only about \$58,500.

#### Shkreli and MSMB Adviser Misappropriated Funds from MSMB

28.ePart of the drastic decline in MSMB's net asset value was attributable to the fact thate from October 2009 through July 2011, more than \$450,000 invested in MSMB was used to pay expenses. At least \$120,000 of these expenses was not properly chargeable to MSMB under the terms of the limited partnership agreement, including charges for office rent, food deliveries, medical expenses, clothing, and cash withdrawals.

#### Shkreli Made Misrepresentations to Investor A

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29.eOn July 26, 2010, while Shkreli was soliciting Investor A to invest in MSMB, Shkrelie sent Investor A an e-mail with the subject line "MSMB Capital Management Performance Estimate." This email stated that, as of July 23, 2010, MSMB had "returned +35.77% since inception on 11/1/2009." This statement was false because MSMB's trading at that point had generated losses of about 18%.

30.cOn December 2, 2010, as part of his due diligence relating to MSMB, Investor A sente Shkreli an email, asking Shkreli: "What are the current AUM [assets under management]?" and "Who is [sic] your auditor and administrator?" Shkreli replied by email, stating that the AUM was \$35 million and identifying specific firms as MSMBes auditor and its administrator.

31.eShkreli's representation that MSMB had \$35 million in assets under management was false. In fact, MSMB had less than \$1,000 in assets in its bank and brokerage accounts on December 2, 2010, not \$35 million as Shkreli claimed. Shkreli's statement that MSMB had

retained an auditor and an administrator also was false because MSMB had not retained the specified auditor or administrator, or any other auditor or administrator. Shkreli made these misrepresentations knowingly or recklessly.

#### Shkreli Made Misrepresentations to Executing Broker

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32.cOn February 1, 2011, Shkreli sold short over 32 million shares of Company A ino MSMB's account at Executing Broker. Shkreli knowingly or recklessly misrepresented to Executing Broker that MSMB had located a source to borrow the Company A shares that MSMB was selling short.

33.65hkreli placed orders for these short sales through Executing Broker's direct accesso system, which permitted Shkreli to transmit orders using a computer located at MSMB's offices. Each of the Company A short sale orders transmitted by Shkreli and executed by Executing Broker included a representation by Shkreli that MSMB could borrow sufficient Company A shares from Prime Broker to settle the short sales executed by Executing Broker.

34.dn fact, MSMB had not located Company A shares to borrow from Prime Broker oro any other source sufficient to settle the Company A short sales MSMB made through Executing Broker. Shkreli knowingly or recklessly misrepresented to Executing Broker that MSMB had located a source to borrow sufficient shares to settle the short sales made by MSMB in its account with Executing Broker.

35.cShkreli continued to knowingly or recklessly mislead Executing Broker abouto MSMB's ability to settle its short trades until the afternoon of February 2, 2011, by sending requests to Executing Broker asking for a commission reduction and asking Executing Broker to submit the trades to Prime Broker in small pieces to make them easier to clear. These requests

implied that MSMB otherwise had the ability to settle the trades, when in fact it did not. At the time he sent the requests to Executing Broker, Shkreli had not disclosed to Executing Broker that MSMB was unable to settle the Company A trades and that Shkreli had already instructed Prime Broker not to accept the Company A trades from Executing Broker for settlement.

36.eAs a consequence, MSMB failed to settle a short position of over 11 million shares of e Company A in its account at Executing Broker. Executing Broker ultimately bought sufficient Company A shares on the market to close MSMB's short position at a loss of over \$7 million. Shkreli Misappropriated Funds to Settle Executing Broker's Arbitration Claim

37.cOn or about August 2, 2011, Executing Broker commenced a FINRA arbitratione proceeding against, among others, MSMB and Shkreli (but not MSMB Healthcare), seeking recovery of over \$7 million in losses to Executing Broker as a result of MSMB's failure to settle the Company A trades it had placed on February 1, 2011, plus interest and costs.

38.cOn or about September 5, 2012, the parties entered into a settlement agreemente whereby, in light of Shkreli's and MSMB's inability to pay, the matter was settled for payments totaling \$1,542,500.

39.eOn or about January 18, 2013, Shkreli caused \$125,000 to be paid from the account of e MSMB Healthcare to Executing Broker to extend the payment deadline set forth in the September 5, 2012 settlement agreement.

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40.eOn March 4, 2013, Shkreli caused \$775,000 to be paid from the account of MSMBe Healthcare as partial payment of the amount payable to Executing Broker pursuant to the September 5, 2012 settlement agreement.

41. Shkreli had no right to use MSMB Healthcare's investor funds to pay the settlemente

he had made with Executing Broker.

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# Shkreli Misrepresented MSMB's Financial Performance to Investors

42.eln early February 2011, shortly after MSMB's assets had been virtually wiped out,e Shkreli embarked on a scheme to conceal MSMB's losses from MSMB's limited partners (*i.e.*, the investors). Starting in February 2011, and continuing until September 2012, Shkreli e-mailed "performance estimates" to MSMB's investors reflecting that the limited partnership investments had been and continued to be profitable, when in fact almost all of MSMB's assets had been lost.

43.eFor example, on February 8, 2011, Shkreli sent an e-mail to at least five MSMBe investors claiming that through January 2011, MSMB had returned "+35.95% since inception on 11/1/2009." In fact, at the end of January 2011, MSMB had only about \$1.126 million remaining of the over \$3 million originally invested.

44.cOn March 2, 2011, Shkreli stated in e-mails to MSMB investors that "MSMBe returned +4.24% in February 2011" and had "returned +41.71% since inception on 11/1/2009." In fact, by the end of February 2011, MSMB had virtually no assets. MSMB had suffered over \$7 million in losses in its account at Executing Broker as the result of its trading in Company A on February 1, 2011. Even setting aside the losses at Executing Broker, the net asset value of MSMB's prime brokerage account and the cash balance in its bank account amounted to only about \$58,500.

45.eShkreli continued to send "performance estimates" until September 2012, when hee informed the limited partners that through June 2012, MSMB had "returned +79.49% net of fees since inception on 11/1/2009." At the end of June 2012, however, MSMB had no assets in its prime brokerage account or its bank account.

# Shkreli, Aided and Abetted by Greebel, Fraudulently Induced Retrophin to Issue Stock and Pay Cash to Disgruntled Hedge Fund Investors

46.en September 2012, Shkreli informed investors in MSMB and MSMB Healthcare thate he was liquidating the funds and that investors could redeem their limited partnership interests for cash, shares of Retrophin or a combination of the two. Shkreli stated that he anticipated completing the distribution of cash and Retrophin stock to MSMB and MSMB Healthcare limited partners by October 31, 2012.

47.en fact, MSMB and MSMB Healthcare had little cash to distribute, and their assets, ife any, consisted primarily of Retrophin shares. Accordingly, Shkreli was unable to pay the limited partners with cash. Many limited partners were dissatisfied that they had not been paid in cash and/or with the number of Retrophin shares they were to receive. Also, many limited partners complained that they had never been provided with complete information relating to the asset composition and value of the funds or of Retrophin, so they could evaluate the fairness of the conversion of their limited partnership interests to Retrophin stock. At least one investor threatened litigation.

48. Separately, Shkreli had issued a \$250,000 note to an investor in Elea to compensatee him for the losses in that fund.

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49.dn order to satisfy these disgruntled MSMB and Elea hedge fund investors, Shkrelie caused Retrophin to enter into consulting agreements with the hedge fund investors or members of their families. The primary purpose of these agreements was to settle potential claims that these investors might assert against Shkreli.

50.eShkreli did not disclose to Retrophin's Board that the true purpose of these consultinge

agreements was to settle potential claims against Shkreli.

51.eShkreli fraudulently caused Retrophin to transfer at least approximately \$7.5 millione in cash and Retrophin stock pursuant to these purported consulting agreements so the investors would release any claims they had against Shkreli.

52. Greebel knew or recklessly disregarded that the true purpose of the consultinge agreements was to settle potential claims against Shkreli, rather than provide Retrophin with significant consulting services.

53.eGreebel drafted at least three of the consulting agreements Shkreli caused Retrophine to enter into with disgruntled investors in Shkreli's hedge funds.

54.eGreebel knew or recklessly disregarded that the members of Retrophin's Board, othere than Shkreli, had not been informed that the true purpose of the consulting agreements was to settle potential claims against Shkreli, rather than provide Retrophin with significant consulting services.

55.eGreebel did not disclose to Retrophin's Board that the true purpose of thesee consulting agreements was to settle potential claims against Shkreli.

#### FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF

# Violations of Section 17(a)(1) and 17(a)(2) of the Securities Act (Shkreli)

56.eThe Commission realleges and incorporates paragraphs 1 through 55 by reference ase if fully set forth herein.

57.eRetrophin common stock and the limited partnership interests in MSMB and MSMBe Healthcare are "securities" within the meaning of Section 2(1) of the Securities Act, 15 U.S.C. §

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58.eShkreli, directly or indirectly, singly or in concert, in the offer and sale of securities,e by the use of the means or instruments of transportation or communication in interstate commerce, or by the use of the mails, (a) has employed, is employing, or is about to employ, devices, schemes, or artifices to defraud; and (b) has obtained money or property by means of, or has otherwise made, untrue statements of material fact, or has omitted to state material facts necessary in order to make statements made, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

59.dBy reason of the foregoing, Shkreli, singly or in concert, directly or indirectly, hase violated, is violating, and unless enjoined will again violate, Sections 17(a)(1) and 17(a)(2) of the Securities Act, 15 U.S.C. § 77q(a)(1) and (2).

## SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF

# Violations of Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act and Rule 10b-5 Thereunder (Shkreli)

60.eParagraphs 1 through 55 are hereby realleged and incorporated by reference.e 61.eRetrophin common stock and the limited partnership interests in MSMB and MSMBe Healthcare arc "sccurities" within the meaning of Section 3(a)(10) of the Exchange

Act,15 U.S.C. § 78c(a)(10).

62.eShkreli, directly and indirectly, singly or in concert, knowingly or recklessly, ine connection with the purchase and sale of securities, by use of the means and instrumentalities of interstate commerce, or of the mails, or of the facilities of a national securities exchange: (a) has employed, is employing, or is about to employ, devices, schemes, or artifices to defraud; (b) has

made, is making, or is about to make untrue statements of material fact, or has omitted, is omitting, or is about to omit to state material facts necessary in order to make statements made, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; or (c) has engaged, is engaging, or is about to engage in acts, practices, or courses of business which operate or would operate as a fraud or deceit upon other persons.

63. By reason of the foregoing, Shkreli, directly or indirectly, singly or in concert, hase violated, is violating, and unless enjoined will again violate, Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. § 78j(b), and Rule 10b-5 thereunder, 17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5.

## THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF

# Aiding and Abetting Violations of Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act and Rule 10b-5 Thereunder (Greebel)

64. Paragraphs 1 through 55 are hereby realleged and incorporated by reference.e 65. Retrophin common stock and the limited partnership interests in MSMB and MSMBe Healthcare are "securities" within the meaning of Section 3(a)(10) of the Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. § 78c(a)(10).

66. Shkreli, directly and indirectly, singly or in concert, knowingly or recklessly, ine connection with the purchase and sale of securities, by use of the means and instrumentalities of interstate commerce, or of the mails, or of the facilities of a national securities exchange: (a) has employed, is employing, or is about to employ, devices, schemes, or artifices to defraud; (b) has made, is making, or is about to make untrue statements of material fact, or has omitted, is omitting, or is about to omit to state material facts necessary in order to make statements made, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; or (c) has engaged, is

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engaging, or is about to engage in acts, practices, or courses of business which operate or would operate as a fraud or deceit upon other persons, in violation of Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. § 78j(b), and Rule 10b-5 thereunder, 17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5.

67.eGreebel knew or recklessly disregarded that Shkreli's conduct was improper ande knowingly rendered to Shkreli substantial assistance in this conduct.

68. By reason of the foregoing, Greebel aided and abetted, and unless enjoined wille continue to aid and abet, Shkreli's violation of Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. § 78 j(b), and Rule 10b-5 thereunder, 17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5.

#### FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

# Violations of Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act and Rule 10b-21 Thereunder (Shkreli)

69.eParagraphs 1 through 55 are hereby realleged and incorporated by reference.e 70.eCompany A common stock is a "security" within the meaning of Section 3(a)(10) of e the Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. § 78c(a)(10), and is an "equity security" within the meaning of Section 3(a)(11) of the Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. § 78c(a)(11).

71.eShkreli, directly and indirectly, singly or in concert, knowingly or recklessly, ine connection with the purchase and sale of securities, by use of the means and instrumentalities of interstate commerce, or of the mails, or of the facilities of a national securities exchange, has submitted an order to sell an equity security while deceiving a broker or dealer, a participant of a registered clearing agency, or a purchaser about his intention or ability to deliver the security on or before the settlement date, and has failed to deliver the security on or before the settlement date.

72.eBy reason of the foregoing, Shkreli, directly or indirectly, singly or in concert, hase violated, is violating, and unless enjoined will again violate, Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. § 78j(b), and Rule 10b-21 thereunder, 17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-21.

#### **FIFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

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# Violations of Sections 206(1) and 206(2) of the Advisers Act (Shkreli, MSMB Adviser and MSMB Healthcare Adviser)

73. Paragraphs 1 through 55 are hereby realleged and incorporated by reference.e
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75. Shkreli, MSMB Adviser and MSMB Healthcare Adviser, by use of the mails or anye means or instrumentality of interstate commerce, directly or indirectly, acting intentionally, knowingly or recklessly: (a) have employed or are employing devices, schemes, or artifices to defraud clients or potential clients; or (b) have engaged or are engaging in transactions, practices, or courses of business which operate as a fraud or deceit upon a client or prospective client.

76. By reason of the foregoing, Shkreli, MSMB Adviser and MSMB Healthcare Advisere directly or indirectly, singly or in concert, has violated, is violating, and unless enjoined will again violate, Sections 206(1) and 206 (2) of the Advisers Act, 15 U.S.C. § 80b-6(1) and (2).

#### SIXTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

# Aiding and Abetting Violations of Sections 206(1) and 206(2) of the Advisers Act (Shkreli)

77.eParagraphs 1 through 55 are hereby realleged and incorporated by reference.e 78.eAt all relevant times. MSMB Adviser and MSMB Healthcare Adviser weree "investment advisers" within the meaning of Section 202(a)(11) of the Advisers Act, 15 U.S.C. §80b-2(a)(11).e

79.eMSMB Adviser and MSMB Healthcare Adviser, by use of the mails or any means ore instrumentality of interstate commerce, directly or indirectly, acting intentionally, knowingly or recklessly: (a) have employed or are employing devices, schemes, or artifices to defraud clients or potential clients; or (b) have engaged or are engaging in transactions, practices, or courses of business which operate as a fraud or deceit upon a client or prospective client in violation of Sections 206(1) and 206 (2) of the Advisers Act, 15 U.S.C. § 80b-6(1) and (2).

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80.eMSMB Adviser and MSMB Healthcare Adviser acted through Shkreli, who was theire managing member, in violating Sections 206(1) and 206 (2) of the Advisers Act, 15 U.S.C. § 80b-6(1) and (2).

81.eShkreli knew or recklessly disregarded that MSMB Adviser's and MSMB Healthcaree Adviser's conduct was improper and knowingly rendered to MSMB Adviser and MSMB Healthcare Adviser substantial assistance in this conduct.

82. By reason of the foregoing, Shkreli aided and abetted, and unless enjoined wille continue to aid and abet, MSMB Adviser's and MSMB Healthcare Adviser's violation of Sections 206(1) and 206 (2) of the Advisers Act, 15 U.S.C. § 80b-6(1) and (2).

#### SEVENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

Violations of Sections 206(4) of the Advisers Act and Rule 206(4)-8 Thereunder (Shkreli and MSMB Adviser)

83.eParagraphs 1 through 55 are hereby realleged and incorporated by reference.e84.eAt all relevant times, Shkreli and MSMB Adviser acted as investment advisers toe

MSMB, a "pooled investment vehicle" as defined in Advisers Act Rule 206(4)-8(b), 17 C.F.R. § 275.206(4)-8(b).

85.cShkreli and MSMB Adviser, while acting as investment advisers to a poolede investment vehicle, by use of the mails or any means or instrumentality of interstate commerce, directly or indirectly, engaged in acts, practices, or courses of business which were fraudulent, deceptive or manipulative. Shkreli and MSMB Adviser made untrue statements of a material fact or omitted to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, to investors or prospective investors in the pooled investment vehicle, and otherwise engaged in acts, practices, or courses of businesses that were fraudulent, deceptive or manipulative with respect to investors or prospective investors in the pooled investment vehicle.

86. By reason of the foregoing, Shlereli and MSMB Adviser directly or indirectly, singlye or in concert, have violated, are violating, and unless enjoined will again violate, Section 206(4) of the Advisers Act, 15 U.S.C. §80b-6(4), and Rule 206(4)-8 thereunder, 17 C.F.R. § 275.206(4)-8.

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## **EIGHTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

# Aiding and Abetting Violations of Sections 206(4) of the Advisers Act and Rule 206(4)-8 Thereunder (Shkreli)

87.eParagraphs 1 through 55 are hereby realleged and incorporated by reference.e 88.eAt all relevant times, MSMB Adviser acted as an investment adviser to MSMB, ae "pooled investment vehicle" as defined in Rule 206(4)-8(b), 17 C.F.R. § 275.206(4)-8(b). MSMB Adviser, while acting as investment adviser to a pooled investment vehicle, by use of the mails or any means or instrumentality of interstate commerce, directly or indirectly, engaged in acts, practices, or courses of business which were fraudulent, deceptive or manipulative. MSMB Adviser made untrue statements of a material fact or omitted to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, to investors or prospective investors in the pooled investment vehicle, and otherwise engaged in acts, practices, or courses of businesses that were fraudulent, deceptive or manipulative with respect to investors or prospective investors in the pooled investment vehicle in violation of Section 206(4) of the Advisers Act, 15 U.S.C. § 80b-6(4), and Rule 206(4)-8 thereunder, 17 C.F.R. § 275.206(4)-8.

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89.eMSMB Adviser acted through Shkreli, who was its managing member, in violatinge Section 206(4) of the Advisers Act, 15 U.S.C. §80b-6(4), and Rule 206(4)-8 thereunder, 17 C.F.R. § 275.206(4)-8.e

90. Shkreli knew or recklessly disregarded that MSMB Adviser's conduct was impropere and knowingly rendered to MSMB Adviser substantial assistance in this conduct.

91. By reason of the foregoing, Shkreli aided and abetted, and unless enjoined wille continue to aid and abet, MSMB Adviser's violation of Section 206(4) of the Advisers Act, 15 U.S.C. § 80b-6(4), and Rule 206(4)-8 thereunder, 17 C.F.R. § 275.206(4)-8.

#### PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, the Commission respectfully requests that the Court:

I.

Enter a Final Judgment permanently restraining and enjoining Shkreli from violating Section 17(a) of the Securities Act, 15 U.S.C. § 77q(a), Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act, 15

U.S.C. §§ 78j(b), and Rules 10b-5 and 10b-21 thereunder, 17 C.F.R. §§ 240.10b-5 and 240.10b-21; Sections 206(1), 206 (2) and 206(4)of the Advisers Act, 15 U.S.C. §§80b-6(1), 80(b)-6(2) and 80b-6(4), and Rule 206(4)-8 thereunder, 17 C.F.R. § 275.206(4)-8.

11.

Enter a Final Judgment permanently restraining and enjoining Greebel from violating Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. § 78j(b), and Rule 10b-5, thereunder, 17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5.

#### III.

Enter a Final Judgment permanently restraining and enjoining MSMB Adviser from violating Sections 206(1), 206 (2) and 206(4) of the Advisers Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 80b-6(1), 80(b)-6(2) and 80b-6(4), and Rule 206(4)-8 thereunder, 17 C.F.R. § 275.206(4)-8;

### IV.

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Enter a Final Judgment permanently restraining and enjoining MSMB Healthcare Adviser from violating Sections 206(1) and 206 (2) of the Advisers Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 80b-6(1) and 80b-6(2);

## V.

Enter a Final Judgment ordering Defendants to disgorge their ill-gotten gains, if any, plus prejudgment interest thereon;

#### VI.

Enter a Final Judgment imposing civil money penalties upon Defendants pursuant to Section 20(d) of the Securities Act, 15 U.S.C. § 77t(d), Section 21(d)(3) of the Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. § 78u(d)(3), and/or Section 209(e) of the Advisers Act, 15 U.S.C. § 80b-9(e);

### VII.

Enter a Final Judgement imposing an officer and director bar against Shkreli pursuant to Section 20(e) of the Securities Act, 15 U.S.C. § 77t(e) and Section 21(d)(2) of the Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. § 78u(d)(2);

## VIII.

Enter a Final Judgement imposing an officer and director bar against Greebel pursuant to

Section 21(d)(2) of the Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. § 78u(d)(2); and

## IX.

Grant such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

# JURY DEMAND

Pursuant to Rule 38 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Plaintiff demands that this case be tried to a jury.

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