

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING**  
**File No. 3-21233**

**In the Matter of**

**MICHAEL J. ASSENZA**  
**a/k/a “MICHAEL GRIMALDI,”**

**Respondent.**

**DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT AND MICHAEL J. ASSENZA’S**  
**JOINT MOTION FOR STAY PENDING CONSIDERATION**  
**OF OFFER OF SETTLEMENT AND BRIEF IN SUPPORT**

The Division of Enforcement (“Division”) and Respondent Michael J. Assenza a/k/a “Michael Grimaldi” (“Respondent”), by counsel, pursuant to Rule of Practice 161(c)(2), 17 C.F.R. § 201.161(c)(2), respectfully move for a stay of this administrative proceeding based upon the parties agreement in principle to a settlement on all major terms of this proceeding.

**Brief in Support**

On November 25, 2022, the undersigned counsel for the Division transmitted a proposed Offer of Settlement to Jeffrey Forman, Respondent’s counsel, after Mr. Forman informed Division staff that Respondent was interested in exploring settlement of this proceeding.

On November 28, 2022, Mr. Forman informed the undersigned counsel that Respondent consents to entry of the proposed findings and relief in the settlement documents, and intends to execute an Offer of Settlement in conformance with Rule of

Practice 201.240, 17 C.F.R. § 201.240. The parties therefore submit that a stay of this proceeding is appropriate pursuant to Rule of Practice 161(c)(2). Respondent agrees to submit the executed Offer of Settlement to the Division within 15 days of the stay. Thereafter, the Division will submit the signed settlement offer and its recommendation to the Commission within 20 days of its receipt.

December 1, 2022

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

Pursuant to Rule 150 of the Commission's Rules of Practice, I hereby certify that on December 1, 2022, the foregoing document was filed using the eFAP system and that a true and correct copy has been provided to the [APFilings@SEC.gov](mailto:APFilings@SEC.gov) mailbox and has been served by email, on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December 2022, on the following persons entitled to notice:

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