SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,

**COMPLAINT** 

Civil Action No.

FRANZ N. TUDOR,

Defendant.

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Plaintiff Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission"

#### **SUMMARY**

1. This case involves insider trading by Franz Tudor, a former proprietary trader at the broker-dealer Schottenfeld Group LLC. In 2007, Tudor traded ahead of the announced corporate acquisition of Axcan Pharma Inc. ("Axcan") using inside information misappropriated by two attorneys at the international law firm of Ropes & Gray LLP ("Ropes & Gray"). In this scheme, Arthur J. Cutillo and Brien P. Santarlas, former lawyers in the New York office of Ropes & Gray, misappropriated from their law firm, in exchange for kickbacks, material, nonpublic information concerning corporate acquisitions or bids involving Ropes & Gray clients, including the November 2007 announced acquisition of Axcan. Using Cutillo's friend and fellow attorney Jason Goldfarb as a conduit, Cutillo and Santarlas tipped inside information concerning the Axcan acquisition to Zvi Goffer ("Zvi"), a proprietary trader at Schottenfeld. Zvi then tipped this Axcan acquisition information to Tudor and others. Based on this inside

information, Tudor traded in the securities of Axcan and made approximately \$75,000 in illicit profits.

2. By virtue of his conduct alleged herein, Tudor violated Section 10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act") [15 U.S.C. § 78j(b)] and Exchange Act Rule 10b-5 thereunder [17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5]. Unless enjoined, Tudor is likely to commit such violations again in the future.

# JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 3. This Court has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Exchange Act Sections 21(d)(1), 21(e), 21A, and 27 [15 U.S.C. §§ 78u(d)(1), (e), 78u-1, and 78aa]. Tudor, directly or indirectly, made use of the means or instrumentalities of interstate commerce or the mails in connection with the conduct alleged herein.
- 4. Venue is proper because certain acts or transactions constituting the violations occurred within this judicial district.

### **DEFENDANT**

Franz N. Tudor ("Tudor"), age 37, is a resident of Brentwood,
 Tennessee. During the relevant time period, Tudor was a registered representative and proprietary trader at Schottenfeld.

## OTHER RELEVANT INDIVIDUALS AND ENTITIES

6. Arthur J. Cutillo ("Cutillo"), age 34, is a resident of Toms River, New Jersey. During the relevant time period, Cutillo was an attorney in the New York office of Ropes & Gray LLP.

- 7. **Brien P. Santarlas**, age 33, is a resident of Hoboken, New Jersey. During the relevant time period, Santarlas was an attorney in the New York office of Ropes & Gray LLP.
- 8. **Jason C. Goldfarb ("Goldfarb")**, age 32, is a resident of New York, New York. During the relevant time period, Goldfarb was an attorney in private practice in Brooklyn, New York.
- 9. **Zvi Goffer ("Zvi")**, age 33, is a resident of New York, New York. During the relevant time period, Zvi Goffer was a registered representative and proprietary trader at Schottenfeld Group LLC, a registered broker-dealer.
- Schottenfeld Group LLC ("Schottenfeld") is a limited liability
   company located in New York, New York. Schottenfeld is a registered broker-dealer.
- 11. Ropes & Gray LLP is a limited liability partnership and international law firm with offices in Boston, New York, Palo Alto, San Francisco, Tokyo, and Washington, DC.

### **FACTS**

## The Insider Trading Scheme

12. In 2007, Cutillo and Santarlas were attorneys at the international law firm of Ropes & Gray. They each worked in the firm's New York office. While employed at Ropes & Gray, Cutillo and Santarlas had access to, and learned of, material nonpublic information concerning corporate acquisitions in which Ropes & Gray represented acquirers or bidders in proposed acquisitions. Cutillo and Santarlas owed a fiduciary or other duty of trust and confidence to Ropes & Gray and its clients to keep this information confidential and not to disclose or personally use this information.

- 13. Information concerning an upcoming acquisition of a public company is valuable and material information. Normally, when a public company is acquired, the acquisition price is greater than the pre-announcement market price of the stock of the company being acquired. Thus, news of an actual or potential acquisition of a public company often results in an increase in the market price of the company's stock. A reasonable investor would consider information concerning an upcoming corporate acquisition important to his or her investment decision, and a significant alteration of the total mix of information available to the public concerning the company that is the subject of the acquisition.
- In 2007, Cutillo and Santarlas, together with Cutillo's friend Jason Goldfarb, a lawyer in private practice in New York, entered into a scheme with Zvi Goffer, a proprietary trader at Schottenfeld, to trade on material, nonpublic information concerning upcoming corporate acquisitions involving Ropes & Gray's clients. As part of this scheme, and in breach of their duties to Ropes & Gray and its clients, Cutillo and Santarlas misappropriated from their law firm material, nonpublic information concerning upcoming acquisitions involving the firm's clients, including the November 29, 2007 announced corporate acquisition of Axcan by TPG LLP. Cutillo and Santarlas, through Goldfarb, tipped this inside information to Zvi in exchange for kickbacks.
- 15. Zvi then tipped this information to others who traded, including Tudor.

  Based on the inside information, Tudor traded in the securities of Axcan and made illicit profits of approximately \$75,000.

## The Axcan Acquisition Announcement

- 16. In early 2007, Axcan's board of directors began to pursue the possibility of selling the company. After an August 9, 2007 board meeting, Axcan established a data room and made senior management available for potential purchasers to conduct due diligence. Axcan's financial adviser, Merrill Lynch, requested that potential purchasers submit indications of interest, including purchase price ranges, by October 26, 2007. TPG Capital, a private equity firm, was one of the bidders for Axcan. Ropes & Gray represented TPG Capital in connection with the transaction.
- 17. By virtue of their employment at Ropes & Gray, Cutillo and Santarlas had access to, and learned of, material nonpublic information concerning the acquisition of Axcan. Cutillo and Santarlas tipped Goldfarb material, nonpublic information concerning the acquisition of Axcan, which they misappropriated from Ropes & Gray.
- 18. On October 25, 2007, Cutillo called Goldfarb four times between 7:11 p.m. and 7:55 p.m. Cutillo tipped Goldfarb material, nonpublic information that Axcan was going to be acquired.
- 19. That same night at 8:51 p.m, Goldfarb called Zvi. Goldfarb tipped Zvi the material, nonpublic information concerning the upcoming acquisition of Axcan that Cutillo and Santarlas misappropriated from their firm.
- 20. Zvi then tipped the material, nonpublic information concerning the Axcan acquisition to various tippees who traded, including Tudor.
- 21. From October through November 2007, based on the inside information misappropriated by Cutillo and Santarlas, and tipped to Tudor by Zvi, Tudor purchased shares of Axcan in two separate personal trading accounts as well as in a proprietary

account at Schottenfeld. Tudor knew, or should have known, that this material, nonpublic information was obtained in breach of a fiduciary or other duty of trust and confidence owed to the source of the information.

- 22. On November 29, 2007, Axcan announced that TPG Capital would acquire Axcan at a price of \$23.35 per share, which represented a premium of about 28% over the previous day's closing price.
- 23. At the time the Axcan acquisition was announced on November 29, 2007, Tudor held 17,500 shares of Axcan stock. Immediately following the announcement, Tudor sold these shares and made illicit profits of approximately \$75,000.

## **CLAIM**

(Insider Trading in Connection with the Purchase or Sale of Securities)

(Violations of Exchange Act Section 10(b) [15 U.S.C. § 78j(b)] and Exchange Act Rule 10b-5 Thereunder [17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5])

Paragraphs 1 through 23 are realleged and incorporated by reference.

- 24. As described above, Tudor engaged in illegal insider trading in which he used material, nonpublic information concerning an upcoming corporate acquisition to purchase securities.
- 25. By reason of the conduct described above, Tudor, in connection with the purchase or sale of securities, by the use of any means or instrumentalities of interstate commerce or of the mails, or of any facility of any national securities exchange, directly or indirectly (a) employed devices, schemes, or artifices to defraud; (b) 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; or (c) engaged in acts, practices, or courses of business which operated or

would operate as a fraud or deceit upon any persons, including purchasers or sellers of the securities.

26. By reason of the conduct described above, Tudor violated Exchange Act Section 10(b) [15 U.S.C. § 78j(b)] and Exchange Act Rule 10b-5 thereunder [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 Tudor from violating Exchange Act Section 10(b) [15 U.S.C. § 78j(b)] and Exchange Act Rule 10b-5 thereunder [17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5];
- B. ordering Tudor to disgorge, with prejudgment interest, all illicit trading profits or other ill-gotten gains received as a result of the conduct alleged in this Complaint;
- C. ordering Tudor to pay civil monetary penalties pursuant to Exchange Act Section 21A [15 U.S.C. § 78u-1]; and

D. granting such other and further relief as the Court deems just and appropriate.

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