

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
before the
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
Release No. 90306 / November 2, 2020

Admin. Proc. File No. 3-19425

In the Matter of

ATNA RESOURCES, LTD. and
ORCKIT COMMUNICATIONS LTD.

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

The Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) issued an Order Instituting Proceedings (“OIP”) on September 6, 2019, pursuant to Section 12(j) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, against respondents ATNA Resources, Ltd., and Orckit Communications Ltd. (collectively, “Respondents”).¹

On October 22, 2019, the Division of Enforcement filed the Declaration of David S. Frye, which stated that, pursuant to Rule 141(a)(2)(ii) of the Commission’s Rules of Practice,² service of the OIP was made on ATNA Resources, Ltd. on September 7, 2019; and service of the OIP was made on Orckit Communications Ltd. on September 16, 2019. On December 5, 2019, the Division filed a motion requesting that the Commission find Respondents in default for not filing an answer and that it revoke the registration of each class of their securities based on the record and the allegations in the OIP.

As stated in the OIP, Respondents’ answers were required to be filed within ten days of service of the OIP.³ As of the date of this order, Respondents have not filed answers. The prehearing conference and the hearing are thus continued indefinitely.

Accordingly, Respondents are ORDERED to SHOW CAUSE by November 16, 2020, why the registrations of their securities should not be revoked by default due to their failures to file an answer and to otherwise defend this proceeding. When a party defaults, the allegations in

¹ *ATNA Resources, Ltd.*, Exchange Act Release No. 86895, 2019 WL 4242456 (Sept. 6, 2019).

² 17 C.F.R. § 201.141(a)(2)(ii).

³ Rules of Practice 151(a), 160(b), 220(b), 17 C.F.R. §§ 201.151(a), .160(b), .220(b).

the OIP will be deemed to be true and the Commission may determine the proceeding against that party upon consideration of the record without holding a public hearing.

If Respondents fail to respond to this order to show cause, they may be deemed in default, the proceeding may be determined against them, and the registrations of their securities may be revoked.⁴ Upon review of the filings in response to this order, the Commission will either direct further proceedings by subsequent order or issue a final order resolving the matter.

The parties' attention is called to the Commission's March 18, 2020 order regarding the filing and service of papers, which provides that pending further order of the Commission parties to the extent possible shall submit all filings electronically at apfilings@sec.gov.⁵

For the Commission, by the Office of the General Counsel, pursuant to delegated authority.

Vanessa A. Countryman
Secretary

⁴ Rules of Practice 155, 180, 17 C.F.R. § 201.155, .180; *see ATNA Resources, Ltd.*, 2019 WL 4242456, at *2 (“If Respondents fail to file the directed Answers, . . . [they] may be deemed in default and the proceedings may be determined against them . . .”).

⁵ *See Pending Administrative Proceedings*, Exchange Act Release No. 88415, <https://www.sec.gov/litigation/opinions/2020/33-10767.pdf>.