## UNITED STATES OF AMERICA before the SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 Release No. 96441 / December 2, 2022

Admin. Proc. File No. 3-20653

In the Matter of

DONALD HOWARD

## ORDER DIRECTING STATUS REPORT FROM THE DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT

On November 17, 2021, the Securities and Exchange Commission issued an order instituting administrative proceedings ("OIP") against Donald Howard pursuant to Section 15(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.<sup>1</sup> On April 29, 2022, we granted the Division of Enforcement's request to postpone this proceeding until further order of the Commission, based on the Division's representation that Howard may not be the real identity of the person who allegedly committed the conduct underlying the OIP.<sup>2</sup> We also ordered the Division to file a status report by July 28, 2022, and every 90 days thereafter until further order of the Commission, explaining whether it believes that the postponement should continue.<sup>3</sup> The Division filed a status report on July 28, 2022, but it has not filed any status reports thereafter.

Donald Howard, Exchange Act Release No. 93599, 2021 WL 5358757 (Nov. 17, 2021).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> *Donald Howard*, Exchange Act Release No. 94825, 2022 WL 1288208, at \*1 (Apr. 29, 2022).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> *Id*.

Accordingly, the Division of Enforcement is ORDERED to file a status report by December 16, 2022, and every 90 days thereafter until further order of the Commission, explaining whether it believes that the postponement should continue.

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

Vanessa A. Countryman Secretary