UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Before the
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
Release No. 71573 / February 19, 2014

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING
File No. 3-15756

ORDER INSTITUTING
ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS
PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(b) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934,
MAKING FINDINGS, AND IMPOSING
REMEDIAL SANCTIONS

In the Matter of

HAJRADIN MUCOVIC,
Respondent.

I.

The Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) deems it appropriate and in the public interest that public administrative proceedings be, and hereby are, instituted pursuant to Section 15(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Exchange Act”) against Hajradin Mucovic (“Respondent” or “Mucovic”).

II.

In anticipation of these proceedings, Respondent has submitted an Offer of Settlement (the “Offer”) which the Commission has determined to accept. Solely for the purpose of these proceedings and any other proceedings brought by or on behalf of the Commission, or to which the Commission is a party, Respondent consents to the Commission’s jurisdiction over him and the subject matter of these proceedings and to the entry of this Order Instituting Administrative Proceedings Pursuant to Section 15(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Making Findings, and Imposing Remedial Sanctions (“Order”) set forth below.

III.

On the basis of this Order and Respondent’s Offer, the Commission finds that:

1. From October of 2000 through April of 2005, Mucovic was a registered representative associated with Joseph Stevens & Co., Inc., a broker-dealer registered with the Commission. Joseph Steven & Co.’s registration with the Commission ended in August of 2008.
2. On August 1, 2011, Mucovic pleaded guilty to two counts of securities fraud in violation of N.Y. Gen. Bus. Law § 552-c(5) and to three other criminal counts before the Supreme Court of New York, in People v. Hajradin Mucovic, Case No. 02394-2009. On November 18, 2011, Mucovic was sentenced in that proceeding to five concurrent five-year terms of probation and ordered to make restitution in the amount of $48,958.00.

3. The securities fraud counts to which Mucovic pleaded guilty alleged, among other things, that from January of 2001 through January of 2005, Mucovic and his co-defendants intentionally engaged in a scheme “with intent to defraud ten or more persons and to obtain property from such persons by false and fraudulent pretenses, representations, and promises, and so obtained property from at least one and more such persons while engaged in inducing and promoting the issuance, distribution, exchange, sale, negotiation, and purchase of securities” issued by Antigenics, Inc., and by Cypress Biosciences, Inc.

IV.

In view of the foregoing, the Commission deems it appropriate and in the public interest to impose the sanctions agreed to in Respondent Mucovic’s Offer.

Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED pursuant to Section 15(b)(6) of the Exchange Act that Respondent Mucovic be, and hereby is:

barred from association with any broker, dealer, investment adviser, municipal securities dealer, municipal advisor, transfer agent, or nationally recognized statistical rating organization; and barred from participating in any offering of a penny stock, including: acting as a promoter, finder, consultant, agent, or other person who engages in activities with a broker, dealer, or issuer for purposes of the issuance or trading in any penny stock, or inducing or attempting to induce the purchase or sale of any penny stock.

Any reapplication for association by the Respondent will be subject to the applicable laws and regulations governing the reentry process, and reentry may be conditioned upon a number of factors, including, but not limited to, the satisfaction of any or all of the following: (a) any disgorgement ordered against the Respondent, whether or not the Commission has fully or partially waived payment of such disgorgement; (b) any arbitration award related to the
conduct that served as the basis for the Commission order; (c) any self-regulatory organization arbitration award to a customer, whether or not related to the conduct that served as the basis for the Commission order; and (d) any restitution order by a self-regulatory organization, whether or not related to the conduct that served as the basis for the Commission order.

By the Commission.

Elizabeth M. Murphy
Secretary