

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

**SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**  
**Release No. 73037 / September 10, 2014**

**ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING**  
**File No. 3-16066**

**In the Matter of**

**RIMA Senvest Management,  
LLC,**

**Respondent.**

**ORDER INSTITUTING CEASE-AND-  
DESIST PROCEEDINGS PURSUANT TO  
SECTION 21C OF THE SECURITIES  
EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934, MAKING  
FINDINGS, AND IMPOSING A CEASE-  
AND-DESIST ORDER AND CIVIL  
PENALTY**

**I.**

The Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) deems it appropriate that cease-and-desist proceedings be, and hereby are, instituted pursuant to Section 21C of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Exchange Act”), against RIMA Senvest Management, LLC (“RIMA” or “Respondent”).

**II.**

In anticipation of the institution 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, and without admitting or denying the findings herein, except as to the Commission’s jurisdiction over Respondent and the subject matter of these proceedings, which are admitted, Respondent consents to the entry of this Order Instituting Cease-and-Desist Proceedings Pursuant to Section 21C of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Making Findings, and Imposing a Cease-and-Desist Order and Civil Penalty (“Order”), as set forth below.

### III.

On the basis of this Order and Respondent's Offer, the Commission finds<sup>1</sup> that:

#### Summary

1. These proceedings arise out of violations of the beneficial ownership reporting requirements of the federal securities laws.
2. Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act and the rules promulgated thereunder require officers and directors of a company with a registered class of equity securities, and any beneficial owners of greater than 10% of such class, to file certain reports of securities holdings and transactions. Section 16(a) was motivated by a belief that "the most potent weapon against the abuse of inside information is full and prompt publicity" and by a desire "to give investors an idea of the purchases and sales by insiders which may in turn indicate their private opinion as to prospects of the company." H.R. Rep. 73-1383, at 13, 24 (1934). Reflecting this informational purpose, the obligation to file applies irrespective of profits or the filer's reasons for engaging in the transactions. The Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and Commission implementing regulations accelerated the reporting deadline for most transactions to two business days and mandated that all reports be filed electronically on EDGAR and posted on the company's website to facilitate rapid dissemination to the public.
3. Section 13(d) of the Exchange Act and the rules promulgated thereunder require any person or group who directly or indirectly acquires beneficial ownership of more than 5% of a Section 12 registered equity security to file a statement with the Commission disclosing certain information relating to such beneficial ownership. Section 13(d) is a key provision that allows shareholders and potential investors to evaluate changes in substantial shareholdings. See 113 Cong. Rec. 855 (1967). The duty to file is not dependent on any intention by the stockholder to gain control of the company, but on a mechanical 5% ownership test.
4. RIMA failed to file on a timely basis multiple required Section 16(a) reports of holdings and transactions in the securities of Rait Financial Trust ("Rait") it executed on behalf of affiliated funds it managed and failed to timely file certain initial statements and amendments required under Section 13(d) with respect to beneficial ownership of a registered class of securities of Rait, Immersion Corporation ("Immersion"), Depomed, Inc. ("Depomed"), and Vitesse Semiconductor Corporation ("Vitesse").

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<sup>1</sup> The findings herein are made pursuant to Respondent's Offer of Settlement and are not binding on any other person or entity in this or any other proceeding.

## **Respondent**

5. RIMA, a Delaware limited liability company headquartered in New York, New York, provides investment management services to affiliated private funds structured as limited partnerships or other types of entities (the “RIMA Funds”). RIMA became registered with the Commission as an investment adviser as of March 30, 2012. RIMA or an affiliated entity serves as general partner of the RIMA Funds (or in a similar capacity) and had beneficial ownership of the securities held by the RIMA Funds under Section 13(d) of the Exchange Act and the rules thereunder. The RIMA Funds and RIMA’s control person (collectively, the “RIMA Affiliates”) also each shared direct or indirect beneficial ownership of securities held by the RIMA Funds. RIMA took responsibility for making all beneficial ownership filings on behalf of the RIMA Affiliates.

## **Issuers**

6. Rait is a Maryland corporation with its principal place of business in Pennsylvania. Rait’s common stock is and has been at all relevant times registered with the Commission under Section 12 of the Exchange Act and trades on the New York Stock Exchange (ticker: RAS).

7. Immersion is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business in California. Immersion’s common stock is and has been at all relevant times registered with the Commission under Section 12 of the Exchange Act and trades on the NASDAQ stock market (ticker: IMMR).

8. Depomed is a California corporation with its principal place of business in California. Depomed’s common stock is and has been at all relevant times registered with the Commission under Section 12 of the Exchange Act and trades on the NASDAQ stock market (ticker: DEPO).

9. Vitesse is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business in California. Vitesse’s common stock is and has been at all relevant times registered with the Commission under Section 12 of the Exchange Act and trades on the NASDAQ stock market (ticker: VTSS).

## **Applicable Legal Framework**

10. Under Section 13(d)(1) of the Exchange Act, any person who has acquired beneficial ownership of more than 5% of any equity security of a class registered under Section 12 of the Exchange Act must publicly file, within 10 days after the acquisition, a disclosure statement with the Commission. Rule 13d-1(a) requires the statement to contain the information specified by Schedule 13D, which includes, among other things, the identity of the beneficial owners, the amount of beneficial ownership, and plans or proposals regarding the issuer. However, as an alternative, certain statutory provisions and rules allow the use of short-form disclosure statements on Schedule 13G with differing timing requirements under certain conditions. Rule 13d-1(c) provides that, in lieu of filing a Schedule 13D, a person may file a short-form statement on Schedule

13G within 10 days after the triggering acquisition if the person “has not acquired the securities with any purpose, or with the effect of, changing or influencing the control of the issuer, or in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect,” and is not directly or indirectly the beneficial owner of 20% or more of the class of securities.

11. The term “beneficial owner” is defined broadly under Section 13(d) of the Exchange Act, through the application of Rule 13d-3, to include “any person who, directly or indirectly, through any contract, arrangement, understanding, relationship or otherwise” has or shares voting or investment power with respect to a registered equity security. More than one person may be a beneficial owner of the same securities. Because this definition of beneficial ownership includes persons who have both direct and indirect, as well as shared, voting and investment power, beneficial ownership by an entity is ordinarily also attributable to a control person of an entity and any parent company in a control relationship with such entity.<sup>2</sup>

12. Exchange Act Rule 13d-2(b) requires that a person filing a Schedule 13G pursuant to Rule 13d-1(c) must file an annual amendment within 45 days after the end of each calendar year if there are any changes in the information reported in the previous filing on that Schedule, unless certain limited exceptions apply. In addition to annual amendments, under Exchange Act Rule 13d-2(d), such person must also amend the Schedule 13G promptly upon acquiring beneficial ownership of greater than 10% of a registered class of equity securities and must thereafter promptly amend the Schedule 13G upon increasing or decreasing its beneficial ownership by more than 5% of the class. Any delay in filing beyond the date the filing reasonably can be made may not be prompt.<sup>3</sup>

13. Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act and the rules promulgated thereunder apply to every person who is the beneficial owner of more than 10% of any class of any equity security registered pursuant to Section 12 of the Exchange Act, and any officer or director of the issuer of any such security (collectively, “insiders”). For purposes of determining status as a greater than 10% beneficial owner under Section 16(a), the term means any person who is deemed a beneficial owner under Section 13(d) of the Exchange Act and the rules thereunder, subject to limited exceptions.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> See Amendments to Beneficial Ownership Reporting Requirements, SEC Release No. 34-39538, 1998 WL 7449, at \*7-8 (Jan. 12, 1998). If the organizational structure of the parent and related entities are such that the voting and investment powers over the subject securities are exercised independently, attribution may not be required for the purposes of determining the aggregate amount owned by the controlling persons if certain conditions concerning independence are met. Id.

<sup>3</sup> SEC Release No. 34-39538, at n. 14.

<sup>4</sup> A limited exception under Rule 16a-1(a)(1) applies for certain qualified institutional investors, such as registered investment advisers and broker-dealers, to exclude any shares beneficially

14. Pursuant to Section 16(a) and Rule 16a-3, insiders are required to file initial statements of holdings on Form 3 and keep this information current by reporting transactions on Forms 4 and 5. Specifically, within 10 days after becoming an insider, or on or before the effective date of the Section 12 registration of the class of equity security, an insider must file a Form 3 report disclosing his or her beneficial ownership of all securities of the issuer in which the insider has or is deemed to have a direct or indirect pecuniary interest. To keep this information current, insiders must file Form 4 reports disclosing transactions resulting in a change in beneficial ownership within two business days following the execution date of the transaction, except for limited types of transactions eligible for deferred reporting. Transactions required to be reported on Form 4 include purchases and sales of securities, exercises and conversions of derivative securities, and grants or awards of securities from the issuer. In addition, insiders are required to file an annual statement on Form 5 within 45 days after the issuer's fiscal year-end to report any transactions or holdings that should have been, but were not, reported on Form 3 or 4 during the issuer's most recent fiscal year and any transactions eligible for deferred reporting (unless the insider has previously reported all such transactions).

15. There is no state of mind requirement for violations of Sections 16(a) and 13(d) and the rules thereunder.<sup>5</sup> The failure to timely file a required report, even if inadvertent, constitutes a violation.<sup>6</sup>

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owned that are "held for the benefit of third parties or in customer or fiduciary accounts in the ordinary course of business" and "such shares are acquired ... without the purpose or effect of changing or influencing control of the issuer" (a "Qualified Institution"). A parent holding company or control person of a Qualified Institution may also exclude such shares if the aggregate amount held directly by the parent or control person, and directly and indirectly by their subsidiaries and affiliates that are not Qualified Institutions, does not exceed 1% of the class of securities (a "Qualified Control Person").

<sup>5</sup> See Lexington Resources Inc., et al., 96 SEC Docket 229, 2009 WL 1684743, at \*17-18 (June 5, 2009) ("A finding of scienter is not required to demonstrate a violation of either [Section 13(d) or 16(a)]."); Robert G. Weeks, et al., 76 SEC Docket 2609, 2002 WL 169185, at \*50 (Feb. 2, 2002) ("No showing of scienter is required to prove violations of these reporting provisions."); see also SEC v. Savoy Indus., Inc., 587 F.2d 1149, 1167 (D.C. Cir. 1978) ("Indeed, the plain language of section 13(d)(1) gives no hint that intentional conduct need be found, but rather, appears to place a simple and affirmative duty of reporting on certain persons. The legislative history confirms that Congress was concerned with providing disclosure to investors, and not merely with protecting them from fraudulent conduct.").

<sup>6</sup> Cf. Oppenheimer & Co., Inc., 47 SEC 286, 1980 WL 26901, at \*1-2 (May 19, 1980) ("We have previously held that the failure to make a required report, even though inadvertent, constitutes a willful violation."); see generally SEC Release No. 34-47809 (noting that an issuer's

**Respondent Failed to File Required Section 16(a) Reports on a Timely Basis**

16. On October 28, 2011, RIMA and certain RIMA Affiliates acquired beneficial ownership of greater than 10% of Rait’s registered class of common stock, becoming subject to the reporting requirements of Exchange Act Section 16(a).<sup>7</sup>

17. RIMA did not file until December 9, 2011 an initial statement of beneficial ownership on Form 3 or any of the required reports on Forms 4 for reportable transactions in Rait’s securities. The late reports relate to transactions executed on behalf of the RIMA Funds on the following dates that were required to be reported on Form 4 within two business days:

<b><u>Form Type</u></b>	<b><u>Date of Trans.</u></b>	<b><u>Due Date</u></b>	<b><u>Date Filed</u></b>
4	10/31/2011	11/2/2011	12/9/2011
4	11/1/2011	11/3/2011	12/9/2011
4	11/4/2011	11/8/2011	12/9/2011
4	11/7/2011	11/9/2011	12/9/2011
4	11/8/2011	11/10/2011	12/9/2011
4	11/9/2011	11/14/2011	12/9/2011
4	11/10/2011	11/15/2011	12/9/2011
4	11/14/2011	11/16/2011	12/9/2011
4	11/15/2011	11/17/2011	12/9/2011
4	11/16/2011	11/18/2011	12/9/2011
4	11/17/2011	11/21/2011	12/9/2011
4	11/22/2011	11/25/2011	12/9/2011

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eligibility for temporary relief from disclosing Forms 4 filed one business day late by its insiders “does not change the fact that any Form 3, 4 or 5 filed later than the applicable due date violates Section 16(a)” (emphasis added); Herbert Moskowitz, 77 SEC Docket 446, 2002 WL 434524, at \*7 (Mar. 21, 2002) (“evidence of both motive for non-disclosure and actual market impact ... is irrelevant” to whether violations of Section 13(d) of the Exchange Act and Rules 13d-1 and 13d-2 thereunder occurred).

<sup>7</sup> None of the RIMA Affiliates have been eligible at any time under Exchange Act Rule 16(a)(1) subparagraphs (i) through (xi) to exclude any securities over which they were deemed to have direct or indirect beneficial ownership under Rule 13d-3.

<u>Form Type</u>	<u>Date of Trans.</u>	<u>Due Date</u>	<u>Date Filed</u>
4	11/23/2011	11/28/2011	12/9/2011
4	11/30/2011	12/2/2011	12/9/2011
4	12/1/2011	12/5/2011	12/9/2011
4	12/2/2011	12/6/2011	12/9/2011
4	12/5/2011	12/7/2011	12/9/2011

18. The late-reported transactions primarily involved open-market purchases of Rait's common stock having an aggregate market value in excess of \$3.4 million and constituting an acquisition of more than 1% of Rait's outstanding common stock.

19. As a result of the conduct described above, Respondent RIMA violated Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act and Rule 16a-3 thereunder and was a cause of violations by the RIMA Affiliates of such provisions.

**Respondent Failed to Timely File on Schedule 13G**

20. RIMA and certain RIMA Affiliates became subject to the reporting requirements of Exchange Act Section 13(d) after acquiring beneficial ownership of more than 5% of Rait's registered class of common stock as of March 16, 2011. RIMA timely filed an initial statement on Schedule 13G pursuant to Exchange Act Rule 13d-1(c) on behalf of itself and RIMA's control person with respect to Rait on March 25, 2011.

21. Subsequently, RIMA failed to timely file a required amendment upon its acquisition of beneficial ownership of greater than 10% of the class of Rait securities as of October 28, 2011, which was not reflected in an amendment until December 7, 2011, in violation of Rule 13d-2(d).

22. RIMA also failed to timely file an amended joint statement on Schedule 13G (or, alternatively, a separate initial statement) on behalf of one of the RIMA Funds upon the fund's acquisition of beneficial ownership of greater than 5% of Rait's common stock as of [DATE], which was not reflected in an amendment until December 7, 2011, in violation of Rule 13d-1. RIMA similarly failed to timely file an amended joint or initial statement on behalf of one of the RIMA Funds upon its acquisition of beneficial ownership of greater than 5% of the class of common stock of Immersion, Depomed, and Vitesse, in violation of Rule 13d-1.

23. As a result of the conduct described above, RIMA violated Section 13(d) of the Exchange Act and Rules 13d-1 and 13d-2 thereunder and was a cause of violations by the RIMA Affiliates of such provisions.

### **Respondent's Remedial Efforts**

24. In determining to accept Respondent's Offer, the Commission considered certain remedial acts undertaken by Respondent and cooperation afforded to Commission staff.

#### **IV.**

In view of the foregoing, the Commission deems it appropriate to impose the sanctions agreed to in Respondent RIMA's Offer.

Accordingly, pursuant to Sections 21B and 21C of the Exchange Act, it is hereby ORDERED that:

A. Respondent cease and desist from committing or causing any violations and any future violations of Sections 13(d) and 16(a) of the Exchange Act and Rules 13d-1, 13d-2 and 16a-3 promulgated thereunder.

B. Respondent shall, within 14 days of the entry of this Order, pay a civil money penalty in the amount of \$68,000 to the Securities and Exchange Commission, for transmission to the United States Treasury. If timely payment is not made, additional interest shall accrue pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3717. Payment must be made in one of the following ways:

- (1) Respondent may transmit payment electronically to the Commission, which will provide detailed ACH transfer/Fedwire instructions upon request;
- (2) Respondent may make direct payment from a bank account via Pay.gov through the SEC website at <http://www.sec.gov/about/offices/ofm.htm>; or
- (3) Respondent may pay by certified check, bank cashier's check, or United States postal money order, made payable to the Securities and Exchange Commission and hand-delivered or mailed to:

Enterprise Services Center  
Accounts Receivable Branch  
HQ Bldg., Room 181, AMZ-341  
6500 South MacArthur Boulevard  
Oklahoma City, OK 73169

Payments by check or money order must be accompanied by a cover letter identifying RIMA Senvest Management, LLC as a Respondent in these proceedings, and the file number of these proceedings; a copy of the cover letter and check or money order must be sent to Timothy Casey, Assistant Regional Director, Division of Enforcement, Securities and Exchange Commission, 200 Vesey Street, New York, NY 10281.

By the Commission.

Jill M. Peterson  
Assistant Secretary