

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Before the
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
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ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING
File No. 3-16581

In the Matter of

ROBERT H. MEDHUS,

Respondent.

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

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 Robert H. Medhus (“Medhus” 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, Respondent admits the Commission’s jurisdiction over him and the subject matter of these proceedings and the findings contained in Section III.2 below, and consents 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”), as set forth below.

III.

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

1. From February 1986 to November 2011, Medhus was associated with a registered broker-dealer. Medhus, age 67, is a resident of Jamestown, North Dakota.

2. On August 5, 2013, Medhus pled guilty to 13 counts of securities fraud in violation of N.D.C.C. §§ 10-04-12(2)(c), 10-04-18, and 12.1-32-01(3), a felony, two counts of theft in violation of N.D.C.C. §§ 12.1-23-02(1), 12.1-23-05(1), and 12.1-32-01(3), a felony, and one count of unlawfully selling unregistered securities in violation of N.D.C.C. §§ 10-04-04, 10-04-18, and 12.1-32-01(3), a felony, before the District Court, Cass County, North Dakota, in State of North Dakota v. Robert Henry Medhus, Case No. 09-2012-CR-04741. On August 5, 2013, a judgment in the criminal case was entered against Medhus. Medhus was sentenced to serve ten years of incarceration.

3. The securities fraud counts to which Medhus pled guilty alleged that between March 2008 and January 2013, Medhus, in connection with the sale of securities, employed a scheme or course to defraud investors, which included, among other things, providing false account statements and tax documents, and secretly converting investor funds for his own use. The theft counts to which Medhus pled guilty alleged that between January 2007 and July 2012, Medhus, with the intent to deprive certain individuals, knowingly exercised unauthorized control over money belonging to them. The count of unlawfully selling unregistered securities to which Medhus pled guilty alleged that between March 2008 and January 2013, Medhus willfully sold unregistered securities that were required to be registered under N.D.C.C. Chapter 10-04.

IV.

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

Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED pursuant to Section 15(b)(6) of the Exchange Act that Respondent Medhus be, and hereby is barred from association with any investment adviser, broker, dealer, municipal securities dealer, municipal advisor, transfer agent, or nationally recognized statistical rating organization; and

Pursuant to Section 15(b)(6) of the Exchange Act that Respondent Medhus be, and hereby is 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.

Brent J. Fields
Secretary