

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING
File No. 3-17600; 3-17601

Battery and Energy Storage System Company Settles with SEC Regarding Reporting and Internal Controls Violations

September 29, 2016 – The Securities and Exchange Commission announced today that Altair Nanotechnologies, Inc. (“Altair”) has agreed to settle reporting and internal controls charges.

An SEC investigation found that in late 2013, Altair, a manufacturer of nano lithium titanate batteries and energy storage systems, began to move its operations from the United States to China. This was accompanied by a number of changes in Altair’s management and its financial reporting practices. Altair’s independent auditor, Crowe Horwath LLP, began an audit for fiscal year 2013 but resigned as of August 28, 2014 because it could not complete the audit due to material weaknesses in Altair’s internal control over financial reporting relating to the transfer of operations to China. In March 2015, Altair announced that its financial statements for the third quarter of fiscal year 2013 should no longer be relied upon. Even though Altair ultimately appointed a new auditor, it became delinquent in its financial reporting. To date, Altair has not filed a Form 10-K for fiscal year 2013, or any Forms 10-K or Forms 10-Q for any annual or quarterly financial reporting period thereafter.

The SEC’s orders instituting settled administrative proceedings find that Altair violated the reporting and internal accounting controls provisions of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Without admitting or denying the findings in the SEC’s orders, Altair agreed to a cease-and-desist order, a \$250,000 penalty, and undertakings which require Altair to become current in its financial reporting through the quarterly period ended September 30, 2016, by no later than 5:30 p.m. ET on November 15, 2016. If Altair fails to comply with the undertakings, then the registration of each class of its securities registered pursuant to Section 12 of the Exchange Act will be revoked pursuant to Section 12(j) of the Exchange Act.

The SEC’s investigation was conducted by Marisa G. Westervelt and Lorraine L. Pearson and supervised by Victoria A. Levin, all of the Los Angeles Regional Office.

See also: Orders: Release Nos. [34-78997](#) and [34-78998](#)