

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Before the
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
Release No. 86701 / August 16, 2019

INVESTMENT ADVISERS ACT OF 1940
Release No. 5323 / August 16, 2019

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING
File No. 3-19358

In the Matter of

THOMAS GILLONS,

Respondent.

**ORDER INSTITUTING
ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS
PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(b) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
AND SECTION 203(f) OF THE
INVESTMENT ADVISERS ACT OF 1940,
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”) and Section 203(f) of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 (“Advisers Act”) against Thomas Gillons (“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 Sections III.2 and III.4 below; and consents to the entry of this Order Instituting Administrative

Proceedings Pursuant to Section 15(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Section 203(f) of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, 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. During the period from at least June 2009 to June 2013, Gillons was associated with a registered broker-dealer and investment adviser.
2. On December 8, 2015 the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois entered a consent order against Gillons in a civil injunctive action that, *inter alia*, enjoined him from trading in the commodities and futures industry and registration (or seeking exemption from registration) with the United States Commodity Futures Trading Commission.
3. Conduct underlying the consent order occurred when Gillons was associated with a registered broker-dealer and investment adviser.
4. On January 10, 2019, Gillons pled guilty to one count of wire fraud in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1343 before the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, in United States v. Gillons, Case No. 1:18-cr-514. Judgment was entered on April 11, 2019 and Gillons was sentenced to serve 36 months of incarceration and ordered to pay \$100 in criminal fines and \$1,061,095 in restitution.
5. According to the plea agreement, the underlying conduct resulting in the criminal conviction occurred from at least June 2009 until in or about November 2014.

IV.

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

Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED that:

(1) pursuant to Section 15(b)(6) of the Exchange Act and Section 203(f) of the Advisers Act that Respondent Gillons 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

(2) pursuant to Section 15(b)(6) of the Exchange Act that Respondent Gillons 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 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.

Vanessa A. Countryman
Secretary