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REQUEST TO VACATE BAR(S) FROM ASSOCIATION WITH NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED STATISTICAL RATING ORGANIZATIONS AND/OR MUNICIPAL ADVISORS IN LIGHT OF KOCH V. SEC

Summary:

1. As a result of the decision of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit in *Koch v. SEC*, the Securities and Exchange Commission has determined to grant requests to vacate bars from association with nationally recognized statistical rating organizations ("NRSROs") and municipal advisors that were imposed against individuals based entirely on conduct that occurred before the effective date of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (July 22, 2010).
2. The Commission has established an expedited program for eligible individuals to request that their NRSRO and/or municipal advisor bars be vacated through the completion of this form.
3. This program applies only to NRSRO and municipal advisor bars. If we determine that you are eligible for relief under the program, all other bars and/or suspensions to which you are subject (e.g., from association with a broker-dealer or investment adviser) would remain in place.

Instructions:

1. To make a request that the Commission vacate your NRSRO and municipal advisor bars, you must complete this form by providing all information sought below. Completing the form will facilitate the Commission's determination of your eligibility for the program. Do not submit any additional materials with this form. If the Commission determines that it needs additional information to determine your request, it will notify you.
2. Send three copies of your completed form to the following address:
Office of the Secretary
U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission
100 F Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20549-1090
3. You will be notified of the Commission's determination of your request at the address you provide below.

Information to be provided by affected individual:

Name: Douglas Whitman

Address: 

I am subject to a bar from association with any nationally recognized statistical rating organization and/or municipal advisor based solely on conduct that occurred before July 22, 2010. Yes No

Date of order imposing bar: April 18, 2013

Signature: Douglas Whitman Dated: 3/18/15