

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
BEFORE THE
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT OF 1940

Release No. 29768/August 24, 2011

In the Matter of	:
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SPECIAL SITUATIONS FUND III, L.P.	:
527 Madison Ave.	:
Suite 2600	:
New York, NY 10022	:
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(811-8110)	:
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**ORDER UNDER SECTION 8(f) OF THE INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT OF 1940
DECLARING THAT APPLICANT HAS CEASED TO BE AN INVESTMENT COMPANY**

Special Situations Fund III, L.P. filed an application on September 17, 2009, and amended on December 11, 2009, and July 6, 2011, requesting an order under section 8(f) of the Act declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company.

On July 29, 2011, a notice of filing of the application was issued (Investment Company Act Release No. 29739). The notice gave interested persons an opportunity to request a hearing and stated that an order disposing of the application would be issued unless a hearing was ordered. No request for a hearing has been filed, and the Commission has not ordered a hearing.

The matter has been considered and it is found, on the basis of the information set forth in the application, as amended, that applicant has ceased to be an investment company. Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED, under section 8(f) of the Act, that applicant's registration under the Act shall forthwith cease to be in effect.

For the Commission, by the Division of Investment Management, under delegated authority.

Elizabeth M. Murphy
Secretary