

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
before the
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
Release No. 77873 / May 20, 2016
WHISTLEBLOWER AWARD PROCEEDING
File No. 2016-11

In the Matter of the Claim for Award

in connection with

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Notice of Covered Action Redacted

ORDER DETERMINING WHISTLEBLOWER AWARD CLAIM

On April 7, 2016, the Claims Review Staff issued a Preliminary Determination related to Notice of Covered Action Redacted (the “Covered Action”). The Preliminary Determination recommended that Claimant 1 (“Claimant 1”) and Claimant 2 (“Claimant 2”; collectively, “Claimants”) receive a joint whistleblower award because Claimants voluntarily provided original information to the Commission that led to the successful enforcement of the Covered Action pursuant to Section 21F(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Exchange Act”), 15 U.S.C. § 78u-6(b)(1), and Rule 21F-3(a) thereunder, 17 C.F.R. § 240.21F-3(a).

Further, the Claims Review Staff recommended that such award be set in the amount of Redacted percent Redacted of the monetary sanctions collected or to be collected in the Covered Action, which will yield an award of more than \$450,000.00. In arriving at this recommendation, the Claims Review Staff considered the factors set forth in Rule 21F-6, 17 C.F.R. § 240.21F-6, in relation to the facts and circumstances of Claimants’ application.

On April 11, 2016, Claimants provided written notice to the Commission of Claimants’ decision not to contest the Preliminary Determination within the 60-day deadline set out in Rule 21F-10(e) promulgated under the Exchange Act, 17 C.F.R.

§ 240.21F-10(e). Accordingly, pursuant to Rule 21F-10(f), 17 C.F.R. § 240.21F-10(f), the Preliminary Determination became the Proposed Final Determination of the Claims Review Staff.

Upon due consideration under Rules 21F-10(f) and (h), 17 C.F.R. § 240.21F-10(f) and (h), the Preliminary Determination of the Claims Review Staff is adopted. Accordingly, for the reasons set forth in the Preliminary Determination, it is hereby ORDERED that Claimants 1 and 2 shall receive a joint award of ^{Redacted} percent ^{Redacted} of the monetary sanctions collected in this Covered Action, including any monetary sanctions collected after the date of this Order.¹

By the Commission.

Brent J. Fields
Secretary

¹ The Office of the Whistleblower is directed to pay each of the Claimants individually 50% of their joint award.