

FINAL ORDER – THIS PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION BECAME THE FINAL ORDER OF THE COMMISSION ON FEBRUARY 13, 2015 PURSUANT TO RULE 21F-10(f) OF THE EXCHANGE ACT

Notice of Covered Action 2012-129

SEC v. Kenneth Ira Starr, et al., 10 civ 4270 (SHS) (S.D.N.Y.)

PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION OF THE CLAIMS REVIEW STAFF

In response to the above-referenced Notice of Covered Action, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission received one timely whistleblower award claim from Redacted (“Claimant”).¹ Pursuant to Section 21F of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Exchange Act”) and Rule 21F-10 promulgated thereunder, the Claims Review Staff has evaluated the claim in accordance with the criteria set forth in Rules 21F-1 through 21F-17. The Claims Review Staff sets forth its Preliminary Determination as follows.

The Claims Review Staff has preliminarily determined to recommend that the Commission deny an award to Claimant. Claimant did not provide information that led to the successful enforcement of the above-referenced Notice of Covered Action within the meaning of Section 21F(b)(1) of the Exchange Act and Rules 21F-3(a)(3) and 21F-4(c) thereunder because it did not:

1. cause the Commission to (i) commence an examination, (ii) open or reopen an investigation, or (iii) inquire into different conduct as part of a current Commission examination or investigation under Rule 21F-4(c)(1) of the Exchange Act; or
2. significantly contribute to the success of a Commission judicial or administrative enforcement action under Rule 21F-4(c)(2) of the Exchange Act.

By: Claims Review Staff

Date: December 15, 2014

¹ Although Claimant’s Form WB-APP identified Notice of Covered Action 2012-179, we understand Claimant’s application to respond to Notice of Covered Action 2012-129, as Claimant identified the civil action name and number corresponding to 2012-129.