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INTERNATIONAL, INC. f/k/a
GATEWAY DISTRIBUTORS, LTD.,
NW TECH CAPITAL, INC. f/k/a 20 21 CYBERTEL CAPITAL CORP., WINSTED HOLDINGS, INC., ZANN CORP., RICHARD A. BAILEY, MARK T. ELLIS AND FLORIAN R. TERNES, 22 23 24 Defendants. 25 26 27

Plaintiff Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") alleges as follows:

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 1. This Court has jurisdiction over this action pursuant to Sections 20(b), 20(d)(1) and 22(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 ("Securities Act"), 15 U.S.C. §§ 77t(b), 77t(d)(1) and 77v(a). Defendants, directly or indirectly, made use of the means or instrumentalities of interstate commerce, the mails or the facilities of a national securities exchange in connection with the transactions, acts, practices and courses of business alleged in this Complaint.
- 2. Venue is proper in this Court pursuant to Section 22(a) of the Securities Act, 15 U.S.C. § 77v(a), because certain of the transactions, acts, practices and courses of conduct constituting violations of the federal securities laws occurred within this district. Defendant Mark Ellis resides and transacts business in this district and defendants Angel Acquisition Corp. f/k/a Palomar Enterprises, Inc. ("Angel Acquisition"), Marshall Holdings International, Inc. f/k/a Gateway Distributors, Ltd. ("Marshall Holdings"), NW Tech Capital, Inc. f/k/a Cybertel Capital Corp. ("NW Tech"), Winsted Holdings, Inc. ("Winsted Holdings"), Zann Corp., Richard A. Bailey ("Bailey") and Florian R. Ternes ("Ternes") all transact business in this district or transacted business in this district during the time period relevant to this Complaint.

SUMMARY

3. This action concerns the abuse of Form S-8 registration statements by several microcap companies. From mid-2002 through mid-2005 (the "relevant period"), Angel Acquisition, Marshall Holdings, NW Tech, Winsted Holdings and Zann Corp. (collectively, "Issuer Defendants") distributed billions of shares of common stock to the public in unregistered securities offerings disguised as employee stock option programs. The Issuer Defendants improperly registered the

shares underlying the stock options granted under the programs on Form S-8 and then received the bulk of the proceeds from the sales of the shares as payment for the exercise price of the options.

- 4. As designed and implemented, the so-called employee stock option programs actually functioned as public offerings in which the Issuer Defendants used their employees as conduits to the market so that they could raise millions of dollars in capital without complying with the registration requirements of the Securities Act. The money received by the Issuer Defendants under the programs greatly exceeded their revenues from operations and allowed them to fund their struggling operations. Moreover, the employee stock option programs resulted in billions of shares being issued to the public in unregistered transactions, causing a severe dilution of existing shareholder interests.
- 5. In addition to the Issuer Defendants, the Commission asserts claims against three individuals, who were officers and directors of certain Issuer Defendants, based on their improper conduct in connection with the employee stock option programs. Defendant Ellis controlled the program at Winsted Holdings. During the course of the program, Winsted had practically no revenues from operations yet used the proceeds received from its employee stock option program to fund \$1 million in salary payments to Ellis. Defendants Bailey and Ternes were responsible Marshall Holdings' employee stock option program and received significant increases to their salaries during the course of the program.
- 6. Through the activities alleged in this Complaint, the defendants, directly or indirectly, engaged in and, unless enjoined, will continue to engage in transactions, acts, practices or courses of business which violate Sections 5(a) and 5(c) of the Securities Act, 15 U.S.C. §§77e(a) and (c). The Commission seeks to permanently enjoin the defendants from engaging in the wrongful conduct alleged in this Complaint and also seeks other relief, including disgorgement of ill-gotten

gains together with prejudgment interest and, in the case of Marshall Holdings, Ellis, Bailey and Ternes, civil money penalties.

DEFENDANTS

- 7. **Angel Acquisition** is a Nevada corporation with its principal office in Carson City, Nevada. Its business operations are located in Carlsbad, California and Cardiff, California. The company provides mortgage brokerage services and acquires and develops real estate. During the relevant period, Angel Acquisition was a reporting company under Section 13 of the Securities Act, 15 U.S.C. §78m. Its stock is registered with the Commission under Section 12(g) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act"), 15 U.S.C. § 78l, and is listed on the OTC Bulletin Board.
- 8. **Marshall Holdings** is a Nevada corporation with its principal place of business in Las Vegas, Nevada. Through its subsidiaries, it sells and distributes nutritional, health and skin products through network marketing and websites. Marshall Holdings is a reporting company under Section 13 of the Securities Act, 15 U.S.C. § 78m. Its stock is registered with the Commission under Section 12(g) of the Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. § 78l, and is listed on the OTC Bulletin Board.
- 9. **NW Tech** is a Nevada corporation with its principal place of business in Vancouver, Washington. During the relevant period, the company was located in Vista, California and primarily provided telecommunication services. NW Tech is a reporting company under Section 13 of the Securities Act, 15 U.S.C. § 78m. Its stock is registered with the Commission under Section 12(g) of the Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. § 78l, and is listed on the OTC Bulletin Board. The company currently provides consulting and management services in the areas of telecommunications, wireless and broadband.
- Winsted Holdings is a Florida corporation currently based in
 Northfield, Illinois. During the relevant period, the company's principal place of

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Section 13 of the Securities Act, 15 U.S.C. § 78m. Its stock was registered with the Commission under Section 12(g) of the Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. § 78l, and was listed on the OTC Bulletin Board. Winsted Holdings previously provided telecommunications services but currently focuses on acquiring interests in emerging private companies.

business was Newport Beach, California and it was a reporting company under

- 11. **Zann Corp.** is a Nevada corporation with its principal place of business in Clermont, Florida. During the relevant period, the company operated out of Fenton, Michigan and focused on acquiring and developing other businesses. It was a reporting company under Section 13 of the Securities Act, 15 U.S.C. § 78m, and its stock was registered with the Commission under Section 12(g) of the Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. § 78l, and was listed on the OTC Bulletin Board.
- 12. **Bailey**, age 52, is a resident of Las Vegas, Nevada. He serves as the Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, President and Chairman of Marshall Holdings. During the relevant period, Bailey, along with Ternes, directed Marshall Holdings' use of its employee stock option program.
- Ellis, age 42, is a resident of Irvine, California. During the relevant period, he was the Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, President, Secretary, Director and controlling shareholder of Winsted Holdings. Ellis directed the company's ESIP program. Ellis resigned his positions with Winsted Holdings in June 2007.
- Ternes, age 59, is a resident of Las Vegas, Nevada. He serves as the 14. Chief Operating Officer, Secretary and Director of Marshall Holdings. Ternes, along with Bailey, directed the company's use of its employee stock option program.

FACTS

I. Overview of the Issuer Defendants' ESIP Programs

- 15. Starting in mid-2002, the Issuer Defendants implemented employee stock option programs that were virtually identical in design and implementation. The programs were adopted pursuant to plan documents titled Employee Stock Incentive Plans ("ESIPs").
- 16. The Issuer Defendants learned about the ESIP programs from Alexander & Wade, Inc. ("AWI"), a self-described investment banking firm located in San Diego, California, hired by the Issuer Defendants to provide consulting services. AWI pitched the ESIP programs to the Issuer Defendants in part as a way to raise money.
- 17. The Issuer Defendants registered the shares underlying the stock options on Form S-8 registration statements filed with the Commission. The ESIP documents were attached as exhibits to the Form S-8s.
- 18. Pursuant to the Securities Act, registrants may use Form S-8 to register securities issued to compensate employees and consultants for *bona fide* services not connected with the offer or sale of securities. Because of the compensatory purpose and the presumed familiarity of employees and consultants with the registrant's business, Form S-8's disclosure requirements are abbreviated as compared to statements registering shares used to raise capital.
- 19. As implemented by the Issuer Defendants, however, the ESIP programs functioned as public offerings in which the Issuer Defendants used their employees as conduits to the markets so that they could raise capital.
- 20. The ESIP programs had three features that, taken together, virtually guaranteed that the options would be exercised and the underlying shares simultaneously sold to the public at or near the time the options were granted to employees:

- a. First, the options' exercise price hinged on the market value of an Issuer Defendant's stock at the time of exercise (versus the date of grant). The Issuer Defendants set the exercise price at a high percentage, typically 85%, of the proceeds received from the sale of shares underlying the options. This ensured that the options were immediately "in the money" that is, the exercise price was always less than the market price whenever the options were exercised and that the Issuer Defendant, not the employee, would receive most of the benefit from an increase in stock price after the time of grant.
- b. Second, the options vested immediately, meaning that there was no waiting period after the options were granted or any other condition that needed to be met before the options could be exercised.
- c. Third, a cashless method was used to exercise the options so that the exercise price was remitted to the Issuer Defendant from the sales proceeds of the shares underlying the options. Accordingly, the employees did not have to pay any money out-of-pocket to exercise the options.
- 21. Under the ESIP programs, the Issuer Defendants and virtually all of their employees had brokerage accounts at the same broker-dealer firm, Finance 500, Inc. in Irvine, California.
- 22. When Finance 500 opened the accounts for the employees, it typically obtained standing orders or other instructions from the employees that the options should be exercised immediately after grant.
- 23. Also, Finance 500 required the employees to fill out and have notarized multiple blank authorizations before the Issuer Defendants granted any options. The Issuer Defendants collected and forwarded these authorizations to Finance 500 as part of setting up the ESIP programs. The authorizations gave Finance 500 authority to (i) sell the shares underlying any options granted by the

Issuer Defendants and (ii) exercise the options using the sales proceeds from the underlying shares to pay the exercise price.

- 24. When the Issuer Defendants granted options, they sent Finance 500 share certificates representing the number of Form S-8 shares underlying the options granted. Upon receipt of the certificates, Finance 500 relied on the standing orders and authorizations from the employees to sell the shares underlying the options to the public. It then calculated the option exercise price at 85% of the sales price and routed that amount to the Issuer Defendant accounts and the remainder, minus fees, to the employee accounts.
- 25. The Issuer Defendants issued options to employees frequently, sometimes as many as five times in a given month.
- 26. In some cases, the employees were not notified of an option grant until after they received their portion of the sales proceeds from the underlying shares.
- 27. The employees received relatively modest amounts under the programs (approximately 7%-8% of the sales proceeds, after brokerage fees and costs) compared to the Issuer Defendants. Accordingly, the ESIP programs provided no practical incentive for an employee to work to increase the stock price for an Issuer Defendant because the employee's share of the sales proceeds was always limited to a small percentage.
- 28. In contrast, the Issuer Defendants received the vast majority of the sales proceeds from the underlying stock as payment for the exercise price ("ESIP proceeds"). These amounts greatly exceeded the revenues earned by the Issuer Defendants.
- 29. The Issuer Defendants relied on the ESIP proceeds to fund the operations of their otherwise failing businesses.

- 30. The ESIP programs resulted in billions of shares of each Issuer Defendant's stock being sold to the public, which severely diluted the ownership interests of existing shareholders. Throughout the programs, the Issuer Defendants' stock generally traded at fractions of a penny and their stock prices trended downward.
- 31. The design of the ESIP programs (*i.e.*, the high-percentage exercise price that was always "in the money," the immediate vesting and the use of the cashless exercise method that allowed exercise without any payment by the employees up-front) combined with the standing orders to exercise immediately all but guaranteed that the underlying shares were sold to the public nearly immediately upon the grant of the stock options.
- 32. By virtue of the design and implementation of the ESIP programs, the Issuer Defendants controlled the timing of the sales to the public through the timing of their option grants. This allowed the Issuer Defendants to anticipate receipt of ESIP proceeds shortly after granting options.
- 33. The ESIP programs essentially functioned as public offerings in that the Issuer Defendants used their employees as conduits to raise significant amounts of capital in the marketplace.
- 34. Because Form S-8 cannot be used to raise capital, no registration statements were in effect or filed as to the shares issued under the ESIP programs.

II. Additional Allegations As To Specific Defendants

- A. Angel Acquisition's ESIP Program
- 35. Paragraphs 1 through 34 are realleged and incorporated by reference herein.
- 36. One month before it implemented its ESIP program, Angel Acquisition was essentially a shell company in very poor financial condition. At the time it started the program in June 2003, the company had just undergone a

change in control and had implemented a new business plan.

- 37. Angel Acquisition's new management learned of the ESIP program from AWI. The firm told the company that the program would not only grow the company by allowing it to recruit, train and retain employees, but also provided the benefit of generating proceeds that could be used for operations.
- 38. Angel Acquisition implemented the ESIP program to generate money to fund the business and to compensate and retain employees.
- 39. The following table summarizes Angel Acquisition's Form S-8 filings under the program:

	S-8 Filing	# of Shares
#	Date	Registered
1	6/23/2003	16,000,000
2	8/13/2003	70,000,000
3	10/14/2003	23,000,000
4	11/21/2003	90,000,000
5	2/12/2004	160,000,000
6	5/28/2004	220,000,000
7	9/14/2004	750,000,000
8	10/18/2004	1,150,000,000
	Total:	2,479,000,000

(This table as well as similar tables in this Complaint detail the Form S-8 filings and post-effective amendments that register the offer and sale of shares underlying the stock options issued under the ESIP programs.)

40. Prior to the ESIP program's launch, Angel Acquisition had 31.9 million shares of common stock outstanding. Its stock was thinly traded, with daily trading volumes ranging between zero and the tens of thousands and the price ranging between \$.017 and \$.095. After the launch, the daily trading volume

significantly increased to the millions and often to the tens of millions. Towards the end of the program, the stock price fell as low as \$.00019.

41. For the first half of 2003, Angel Acquisition had no revenue or operations, and suffered a net loss of \$272,000. After the company launched the program in June 2003, the ESIP proceeds far exceeded revenues:

Year	Revenues	ESIP Proceeds
2003	\$9,000	\$749,000
2004	\$737,000	\$2,358,000
2005 (first 3 mos.)	\$87,000	\$182,000
Totals:	\$833,000	\$3,289,000

(The figures for revenues and ESIP proceeds in this Complaint are rounded to the nearest thousand.)

- 42. The company operated at a loss during the course of the program and used the ESIP proceeds to fund its business.
- 43. Angel Acquisition acknowledged that it used the ESIP program to raise capital and fund operations in its periodic filings with the Commission.
- 44. For example, in the company's Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2004, Angel Acquisition stated:

The Company raises capital through the issuance and exercise of options under the Company's ESIP. During the three months ended March 31, 2004 the Company raised \$943,735 net of brokerage commissions through its ESIP.

45. Furthermore, in its Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2004, Angel Acquisition stated:

Cash flows provided from financing activities w[ere] \$2,487,910 for the nine months ended September 30, 2004. This was mainly from

proceeds received from officers and employees for stock options exercised during this period in the amount of \$2,419,590.

- 46. Angel Acquisition ended its ESIP program in early 2005.
- B. Marshall Holdings' ESIP Program
- 47. Paragraphs 1 through 34 are realleged and incorporated by reference herein.
- 48. Before it implemented the ESIP program, Marshall Holdings was in poor financial condition. The company's 2002 financial statements show that, while it earned \$1.15 million in revenues, it recognized a net loss of \$2.8 million.
- 49. Bailey and Ternes decided to implement the ESIP program to bring money into the company and to retain employees through increased pay.
- 50. The following table summarizes Marshall Holdings' Form S-8 filings under the ESIP program:

	S-8 Filing	# of Shares
#	Date	Registered
1	4/11/2003	1,000,000,000
2	1/22/2004	900,000,000
3	3/17/2004	2,000,000,000
4	4/22/2004	2,000,000,000
5	5/27/2004	3,009,243,200
6	6/18/2004	3,884,253,600
7	8/24/2004	8,000,000,000
	Total:	16,793,496,800

51. Just prior to the ESIP program launch, Marshall Holdings had 4.2 billion shares of common stock outstanding. During the course of the ESIP program, the daily trading volume for the company's stock was regularly in the

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tens and hundreds of millions and, on a few occasions, exceeded one billion. The stock price also fell as low as \$.00013.

Marshall Holdings received ESIP proceeds that were significantly 52. greater than revenues earned during the existence of the program:

Year	Revenues	ESIP Proceeds
2003	\$1,120,000	\$1,888,507
2004	\$1,150,000	\$6,857,743
2005 (first 6 mos.)	\$391,000	\$227,783
Totals:	\$2,661,000	\$8,974,033

- While Marshall Holdings consistently operated at a loss, the company 53. was able to fund operations, acquire assets and pay debt because of its receipt of ESIP proceeds.
- 54. Marshall Holdings acknowledged that it used the ESIP program to raise funds for operations in its periodic filings with the Commission. For example, in its Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended 2003, Marshall Holdings stated:

In 2003 an Employee Stock Incentive Plan (ESIP) was set up and[,] through stock issues to the public, we raised \$1,888,507 in cash to provide the vehicle to finance the activities for 2003. . . . [I]t is likely that we may rely heavily on the issuance of our shares to pay consultants and other professionals and to raise cash during 2004.

55. Similarly, in its Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2004, Marshall Holdings stated:

> During January through March 2004, the company issued the remaining 447,745,400 shares authorized out of the 1,000,000,000 shares approved in the ESIP Plan 2003. Also during January through March 2004, the company issued 2,581,432,000 shares out of the

2,900,000,000 total shares approved as of March 31, 2004 in the ESIP Plans 2004. . . . The total net proceeds received from these stock issues during January through March 2004 are \$2,310,487.

The Form 10-Q further added:

We had a net working capital deficit of \$2,860,000 at the end of March 31, 2004, as compared to a \$4,284,000 deficit at the end of December 31, 2003. Our working capital deficit decreased \$1,424,000 primarily as a result of raising additional capital through stock issues of \$2,310,000.

56. In its Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2004, Marshall Holdings stated:

Cash flow provided from financing activities was \$6,084,206 for the six months ended June 30, 2004. This was mainly from proceeds received from employees for stock options exercised during this period of \$5,099,411....

- 57. Bailey and Ternes were the primary decision-makers behind Marshall Holdings' ESIP program. They decided when to file Form S-8s, decided how many shares to register on those Form S-8s, signed the Form S-8s and determined when to grant options to particular employees.
- 58. Bailey's and Ternes' salaries significantly increased during the course of the program. In 2003, when the program first began, Bailey earned \$101,500 and Ternes \$89,500. Bailey's salary increased to \$216,000 in 2004 and \$240,000 in 2005. Ternes' salary increased to \$186,000 in 2004 and \$204,000 in 2005.
- 59. Marshall Holdings continued to issue options under its ESIP program until Spring 2005.

C. NW Tech's ESIP Program

- 60. Paragraphs 1 through 34 are realleged and incorporated by reference herein.
- 61. NW Tech learned of the ESIP program from AWI, which told NW Tech that the ESIP program would help the company pay its bills and retain its employees.
- 62. According to the Independent Client Service Agreement between NW Tech and AWI, NW Tech retained the consulting firm to "[a]dvise, assist and provide all documentation . . . in setting up S-8 for employee payroll and stock options to pay monthly [NW Tech's] expenses."
- 63. The following table summarizes NW Tech's Form S-8 filings under the ESIP program:

#	S-8 Filing	# of Shares Registered
	Date	
1	7/12/02	6,000,000
2	9/20/02	9,000,000
3	12/13/02	20,000,000
4	4/11/03	30,000,000
5	6/11/03	100,000,000
6	7/3/03	100,000,000
7	9/2/03	450,000,000
8	1/14/04	450,000,000
9	6/1/04	750,000,000
10	7/23/04	900,000,000
11	8/3/04	4,000,000,000
	Total:	6,815,000,000

- 64. Prior to the launch of the ESIP program, NW Tech had 10.3 million shares of common stock outstanding with daily trading volumes in the tens of thousands and prices ranging between \$.07 and \$.38. By March 2003, the shares regularly traded at tenths of a cent and, by July 2003, daily volume was regularly in the tens of millions. When NW Tech filed its last Form S-8 on August 3, 2004, the shares were trading at \$.00038 and the daily trading volume was over 31 million.
- 65. When it implemented the ESIP program, NW Tech was struggling financially with revenues of \$623,000 and a net loss of \$701,000 for the first half of 2002. Soon after the program's launch in July 2002, however, the ESIP proceeds began to exceed revenues earned by large margins:

Year	Revenues	ESIP Proceeds
2002	\$1,170,000	\$190,000
2003	\$844,000	\$2,311,000
2004	\$218,000	\$2,152,000
2005 (first 6 mos.)	\$36,000	\$677,000
Totals:	\$2,281,000	\$5,330,000

- 66. The company, which was operating at a loss during the program's existence, used the ESIP proceeds to pay its bills and run the business.
 - 67. NW Tech terminated the ESIP program in mid-2005.
 - D. Winsted Holdings' ESIP Program
- 68. Paragraphs 1 through 34 are realleged and incorporated by reference herein.
- 69. Ellis assumed control of Winsted Holdings in February 2003. He implemented Winsted Holdings' ESIP program in April 2003. At the time, the company had no operations and was in poor financial condition with revenues in 2002 of \$0 and a net loss of \$778,000.

	S-8 Filing	# of Shares
#	Date	Registered
1	4/17/2003	40,000,000
2	5/29/2003	75,000,000
3	6/20/2003	310,000,000
4	8/13/2003	255,000,000
5	4/2/2004	350,000,000
6	5/27/2004	210,000,000
7	7/26/2004	300,000,000
8	9/3/2004	120,000,000
9	10/18/2004	200,000,000
10	1/18/2005	400,000,000
	Total:	2,260,000,000

- 71. Just prior to the ESIP program's implementation, the company had 376 million shares of common stock outstanding, a share price ranging between \$.002 and \$.019 and a daily trading volume consistently below one million shares and often zero shares. After the launch of the program, the daily trading volume rose so that it was consistently in the tens of millions and, on multiple occasions, exceeded one hundred million shares. Additionally, the price fell as low as \$.00063.
- The proceeds received under the ESIP program dwarfed the 72. company's practically non-existent revenues:

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1		Year	Revenues	ESIP Proceeds
2		2003	\$0	\$1,283,162
3		2004	\$24,000	\$1,087,050
4		2005 (first 3 mos.)	\$0	\$63,973
5		Totals:	\$27,000	\$2,434,185
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- 73. The company operated at a loss throughout the program and relied on ESIP proceeds as its only means to pay expenses and fund operations, including Ellis' salary. In 2003, the company used 27% of the ESIP proceeds to pay a \$350,000 salary to Ellis. In 2004, the company used 64% of the ESIP proceeds to pay a \$692,000 salary to Ellis.
- 74. Winsted Holdings acknowledged that it used the ESIP program to finance its operations in its periodic filings with the Commission. For example, its Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2003, Winsted Holdings stated that it "financed its operations entirely with . . . [the] proceeds from the exercise of options to acquire its common stock."
- 75. Similarly in its Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2004, Winsted Holdings stated that it "financed its operations entirely with . . . proceeds from the exercise of options to acquire its common stock."
- 76. Ellis was the primary decision-maker for Winsted Holdings' ESIP program. He decided when to file Form S-8s, decided how many shares to register on those statements, signed the statements and determined when to grant options to particular employees.
 - 77. Winsted Holdings terminated its ESIP program in early 2005.

E. Zann Corp.'s ESIP Program

- 78. Paragraphs 1 through 34 are realleged and incorporated by reference herein.
- 79. When Zann Corp. implemented its ESIP program in June 2003, the company had recently undergone a change in control and was essentially a shell company.
- 80. Zann Corp. first learned of the ESIP program after contacting AWI to seek help in locating funding. AWI mentioned the ESIP program while discussing potential funding options.
- 81. Zann Corp. decided to implement the ESIP program to receive the ESIP proceeds and to incentivize employees.
- 82. The following table summarizes Zann Corp.'s Form S-8 filings under the ESIP program:

#	S-8 Filing	# of Shares
	Date	Registered
1	6/6/03	33,000,000
2	8/29/03	20,860,000
3	9/29/03	22,000,000
4	10/14/03	26,000,000
5	11/13/03	78,000,000
6	1/27/04	100,000,000
7	6/17/04	160,000,000
8	9/24/04	130,000,000
9	11/4/04	87,000,000
10	12/1/04	800,000,000
	Total:	1,456,860,000

- 83. Before the ESIP program's launch, Zann Corp. had 52.8 million shares of common stock outstanding. Its stock often had no daily trading volume and, when it did have volume, it was in the tens of thousands with a price ranging between \$.0115 and \$.05. After the program's launch, the stock's daily trading volume was in the millions and tens of millions. The stock price was at a tenth of a cent and, by October 2004, was at a thousandth of a cent.
- 84. Zann Corp. was in poor financial condition when it implemented its ESIP program with 2002 revenues of \$783,000 and a net loss of \$11.5 million.
- 85. Under the program, the company received significant amounts of ESIP proceeds compared to its almost non-existent revenues:

Year	Revenues	ESIP Proceeds
2003	\$0	\$1,192,659
2004	\$1,400	\$1,741,499
2005 (first 6 mos.)	\$0	\$289,652
Totals:	\$1,400	\$3,223,810

- 86. Without the ESIP proceeds, the company would not have survived. Zann Corp had little to no operations and consistently operated at a loss during the program's existence. The company used ESIP proceeds to pay expenses such as salaries, inventory and debt reduction.
 - 87. Zann Corp. ended the ESIP program in Spring 2005.

FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF

Unregistered Offer and Sale of Securities

Violations of Section 5(a) and 5(c) of the Securities Act

- 88. Paragraphs 1 through 87 are realleged and incorporated by reference herein.
- 89. The defendants, and each of them, by engaging in the conduct described above, directly or indirectly, made use of means or instruments of

transportation or communication in interstate commerce or of the mails, to offer to sell or to sell securities, or to carry or cause such securities to be carried through the mails or in interstate commerce for the purpose of sale or for delivery after sale.

- 90. No registration statements have been filed with the Commission or have been in effect with respect to any of the offerings alleged herein.
- 91. By reason of the foregoing, each of the defendants violated and, unless enjoined, will continue to violate Sections 5(a) and 5(c) of the Securities Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 77e(a) and 77e(c).

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, the Commission respectfully requests that the Court:

I.

Find that Defendants committed the violations alleged above.

II.

Issue orders, in a form consistent with Rule 65(d) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, permanently enjoining defendants and their officers, agents, servants, employees and attorneys, and those persons in active concert or participation with them who receive actual notice of the order or judgment by personal service or otherwise, and each of them, from directly or indirectly violating Sections 5(a) and 5(c) of the Securities Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 77e(a) and (c).

III.

Order the defendants to disgorge all ill-gotten gains that they received as a result of the acts and courses of conduct complained of herein, together with prejudgment interest thereon.

IV.

Order defendants Marshall Holdings, Ellis, Bailey and Ternes to pay civil penalties pursuant to Section 20(d) of the Securities Act, 15 U.S.C. § 77t(d).

V.

Retain jurisdiction of this action in accordance with the principles of equity and the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure in order to implement and carry out the terms of all orders and decrees that may be entered or to entertain any suitable application or motion for additional relief within the jurisdiction of this Court.

VI.

Grant such other and further relief as the Court may determine to be just and necessary.

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Respectfully submitted,

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