UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION,

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Plaintiff, : Civil Action No.

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v. : 06-CV-3282

RICARDO CAVALLERO, ELENA H. DE CAVALLERO, JUAN CARLOS PERALTA,

SEBASTIAN KOHAN MILLER, AND SILVINA GARCIA TOBAR DE MILLER,

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Defendants.

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EX PARTE TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER TO FREEZE ASSETS, PREVENT VIOLATIONS OF THE FEDERAL SECURITIES LAWS, PROVIDE FOR OTHER ANCILLARY RELIEF AND SET THE MATTER FOR STATUS

This cause coming to be heard on the emergency motion of Plaintiff, the United States Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission" or "SEC"), for an *Ex Parte* Temporary Restraining Order To Freeze Assets, Prevent Violations of the Federal Securities Laws, and Provide for Other Ancillary Relief, the Court having considered the Commission' Complaint, Emergency Motion, the memorandum in support of such motion, the Declarations of Scott Hlavacek and Sunil Harjani and all of the exhibits submitted in connection therewith, and having been otherwise fully advised in the premises, finds:

- 1. That this Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this case and there is good cause to believe it will have jurisdiction over all parties hereto.
- 2. That there is good cause to believe that the Commission will ultimately succeed in establishing that Defendants have engaged and are likely to engage in transactions, practices and

courses of business that violate Section 10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act") [15 U.S.C. §78j(b)], and Rule 10b-5 [17 C.F.R. §240.10b-5] thereunder.

- 3. That there is good cause to believe that Defendants will continue to engage in such transactions, acts, practices and courses of business and in such violations unless immediately restrained and enjoined by Order of this Court.
- 4. That there is good cause to believe that, unless restrained and enjoined,
 Defendants, will dissipate, conceal, or transfer from the jurisdiction of this Court, assets which
 could be subject to an order of disgorgement and civil penalties.
 - 5. That, therefore, this motion should be, and is, granted.
 - 6. Accordingly, the Court Orders as follows:

I.

SECTION 10(b) VIOLATIONS

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that Defendants, their agents, servants, employees, attorneys, and those persons in active concert or participation with them who receive actual notice of this Order, by personal service or otherwise, and each of them, be and hereby are temporarily restrained and enjoined from, directly or indirectly, in connection with the purchase or sale of securities, by the use of any means or instrumentality of interstate commerce or of the mails, or of any facility of any national securities exchange:

- (1) employing any device, scheme or artifice to defraud;
- (2) making any untrue statement of material fact or omitting to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements made, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; or
- (3) engaging in any act, practice, or course of business which operates or would

operate as a fraud or deceit upon any person;

in violation of Section 10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 [15 U.S.C. § 78j(b)] and Rule 10b-5 thereunder [17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5].

II.

ASSET FREEZE

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that, Defendants, their officers, agents, servants, employees, attorneys, and those persons in active concert or participation with them who receive actual notice of this Order by first class mail, overnight delivery, international express mail, facsimile, electronic mail, personal delivery or any other means permitted in Section IV of this Order, and each of them, shall, hold and retain within their control, and otherwise prevent any disposition, transfer or dissipation of any common stock or call options for Mayerick Tube Corp. ("Mayerick Tube") purchased since May 1, 2006, or any proceeds from the sale or exercise of any such call options or common stock since June 1, 2006. This Order includes, but is not limited to, transactions or the proceeds of transactions in Maverick Tube common stock or call options that occurred in (1) an account (Account #168-37376) at Merrill Lynch in the name of Ricardo Cavallero, Elena H De Cavallero, Juan Carlos Peralta and (2) an account (Account #207-74622; Confidential Account #2424) at Wachovia Securities in the name of Sebastian Kohan Miller and Silvina Garcia Tobar De Miller. Notwithstanding the foregoing asset freeze, this Order will not preclude the sale or exercise of such call options provided that the proceeds of any such sale or exercise be held as required by this Order.

STATUS HEARING

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that a status hearing is set in this matter at 11:00 a.m., on June 29, 2006, before the Honorable Judge Blanche Manning in Room 2125 of the United States Courthouse, located at 219 S. Dearborn in Chicago, Illinois. It is furthered ordered that the ordered relief in Sections I and II of this Order shall expire at 4:00 p.m. on June 29, 2006 unless otherwise ordered by the Court.

IV.

ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF SERVICE OF PROCESS

- A. IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that, notice of this Order may be accomplished by delivery of a copy of the Order by first class mail, overnight delivery, international express mail, facsimile, electronic mail, or personally by agents or employees of Plaintiff Commission, upon any Defendant, and upon any bank, saving and loan institution, credit union, financial institution, transfer agent, broker-dealer, investment company, title company, commodity trading company, storage company, or any other person, partnership, corporation, or legal entity that may subject to any provision of this Order. For purposes of notice of anyone in possession of documents, records, assets, funds, property, or property rights, actual notice of this Order shall be deemed complete upon notification by any means, including, but not limited to, notice from distribution by facsimile transmission of the first page, Sections II, IV and the final page of this Order, provided that such notice is followed within five days by delivery of a complete copy of this Order.
- B. **IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED** that service of pleadings governed by Rule 4 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure may be made personally, by

facsimile, by overnight courier, or by mail upon Defendants, their attorneys, or their U.S. agents, to the extent permitted by law, by representatives of the Plaintiff Commission, representatives of the United States Postal Service, federal marshals, any other qualified person over the age of 21 years, or by an alternative provision for service permitted by Rule 4 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, including the issuance of letters rogatory, or as this Court may direct by further order.

C. IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that upon the submission by the Commission of appropriate forms of letters rogatory, the Court shall sign, and the Clerk of this Court shall promptly execute and return to counsel for the Commission for transmission to the appropriate foreign judicial authorities copies of the pleadings governed by Rule 4 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure for service upon Defendants, their attorneys or their agents, pursuant to the Hague Convention on the Service Abroad of Judicial and Extrajudicial Documents.

V.

PROHIBITION AGAINST ALTERING OR DESTROYING DOCUMENTS

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that Defendants, their officers, agents, servants, employees, attorneys, and those persons in active concert or participation with them, and each of them, are hereby restrained from destroying, mutilating, concealing, altering or disposing of any items, including but not limited to any books, records, documents, contracts, agreements, assignments, obligations or other property of the Defendants, relating to the Defendants or any of their securities, financial or business dealings.

VI.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order shall be, and is, binding upon the

Defendants, and each of her agents, servants, employees, attorneys-in-fact, and those persons in

active concert or participation with her who receive actual notice of this Order by personal

service, facsimile service, service in accordance with Section IV of this Order, or otherwise.

Samuel Der-Yeghiayan
United States District Court Judge

Issued at: 6:00 p.m.

June 15, 2006 Chicago, Illinois