



Issue Date: 13 March 2006

CASE NO. 2005-SOX-00030

In the Matter of:

DEBORAH EDWARDS,
Complainant,

vs.

ADVANCED MARKETING SERVICES, INC.,
Respondent.

**DECISION AND ORDER
APPROVING SETTLEMENT AND DISMISSING CASE**

This matter arises under the whistleblower protection provisions of the Sarbanes-Oxley Corporate and Criminal Accountability Act of 2002, 18 U.S.C. § 1514A.

On February 28, 2006, the parties filed a Settlement Agreement and General Release of All Claims, which was received by this office on March 3, 2006. As part of the settlement agreement, Claimant withdraws her objections to the Secretary's January 3, 2005 findings and seeks dismissal of this matter with prejudice.

I find that the settlement agreement is fair, adequate, and voluntary, and it is hereby APPROVED. Pursuant to 29 C.F.R. § 1980.111(e), the approved settlement agreement constitutes the final order of the Secretary and may be enforced pursuant to 29 C.F.R. § 1980.113.

Complainant's request to withdraw her objections to the Secretary's January 3, 2005 findings is hereby GRANTED, and this matter is DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE.

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ANNE BEYTIN TORKINGTON
Administrative Law Judge

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