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10	COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING ) Case No. CV -03-0833 DSF (Mcx) COMMISSION, )
11	) PLAINTIFF'S RESPONSES TO Plaintiff, ) ISSUES PROPOUNDED BY THE ) COURT IN ITS ORDER
12	vs. ) COURT IN ITS ORDER  vs. ) CONTINUING MOTION FOR A  ) PROPOSED DISTRIBUTION
13	BEN OUYANG, et al.,  ) PLAN, DATED JUNE 14, 2006
15	Defendants.  ) DATE: July 17, 2006 ) TIME: 1:30 p.m.
16	) COURT: Courtroom of the Hon. Dale S. Fischer
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18	TO: DEFENDANTS AND TO THEIR ATTORNEYS OF RECORD,
19	The Court has propounded six issues in its Order Continuing Motion for a
20	Proposed Distribution Plan, dated June 14, 2006 ("Order"). Plaintiff Commodity
21	Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC") respectfully submits the following
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1	responses to the Order, and in further support of its Motion for a Proposed
2	Distribution Plan ("Motion").
3	Dated: July 7, 2006  David Acevedo
4	Attorney for Plaintiff Commodity Futures Trading Commission
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#### **ISSUES AND RESPONSES**

#### Issue 1: Francisco Yanez

#### The Issue

The Court poses two questions with respect to Plaintiff's evaluation of the claim submitted by Francisco Yanez: (i) what documents did Plaintiff receive pertaining to Mr. Yanez, and (ii) what is the basis for the Plaintiff's statement that there are no other claimants in Mr. Yanez's position?

#### Plaintiff's Response

- (i) In response to our solicitation of written claims from former Victco
  Financial Services, Inc. customers, Plaintiff received an unsigned claim form from
  Mr. Yanez<sup>1</sup>, and the following documents:
  - A letter, dated October 29, 2005, addressed to CFTC attorney

    John Wise regarding Yanez's efforts to recoup documents from
    his former attorney supporting Yanez's losses;
  - A copy of a letter, dated June 6, 2005, from The State Bar of California to Yanez regarding its discipline of Yanez's former

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Mr. Yanez did not sign, or date, the claim form certifying that the statements therein are true under penalty of perjury.

attorney James C. Regan;

- A copy of a letter, dated September 11, 2003, from Mr. Yanez, regarding his complaint against the law offices of James C.
   Regan;
- Bank of America Cashier's Check No. 0179987, in the amount of \$2,500.00, paid to the order of Victco Financial Service,
   Inc., "Remitted by Martha Esparza;"
- El Paso Area Teachers Federal Credit Union check, No.
  571615, in the amount of \$1,500.00, paid to the order of Victco
  Financial Services, Inc., "RE: Francisco Martinez;"
- El Paso Area Teachers Federal Credit Union check, No.
   571616, in the amount of \$1,000.00, paid to the order of Victco Financial Sevices, Inc., "RE: Teresa Del Castillo;"
- El Paso Area Teachers Federal Credit Union check, No.
   571614, in the amount of \$2,500.00, paid to the order of Victoo Financial Services, Inc., "RE: Maria Martinez;"
- A Chase Official Check, No. 142858696, in the amount of \$2,500.00, paid to the Order of Victco Financial Service, Inc.,
   "Remitter Juan Gerardo Vargas;"
- Bank of the West Cashier's Check, No. 142043, in the amount

of \$2,500.00, paid to the order of Victco Financial Service, Inc., "Remitter Guadalupe C. Bebenek;"

- Vernon Commerce Credit Union Check, No. 227109, paid to the order of Victco Financial Service Inc., "REF/ Francisco Yanez;"
- Vernon Commerce Credit Union Check, No. 226022, in the amount of \$1,800.00, paid to the order of Victco Financial Service, "REF: Francisco Yanez;"
- Bank of America Cashier's Check, No. 2011205229, in the amount of \$2,000.00, paid to the order of Victco Financial Service, Inc., "Purchaser: Zulema Cervantes;"
- El Paso Employees Federal Credit Union Check, No. 1108784,
   in the amount of \$1,000.00, paid to the order of Victco
   Financial Service, "Remitted By Martha E Paredes;"
- El Paso Employees Federal Credit Union Check, No. 1108724,
   in the amount of \$2,500.00, paid to the order of Victco
   Financial Services, "Remitted By Mario Valles;"
- Vernon Commerce Credit Union Cashier's Check, No. 004631,
   in the amount of \$5,000.00, paid to the order of Victo [sic]
   Financial Service, "Remitter: Arturo Yanez;"

- El Paso Employees Federal Credit Union Check, No. 574639,
   in the amount of \$1,000.00, paid to the order of Victco, "Re:
   Maria R. Martinez;"
- Bank of America Cashier's Check, No. 0227723, in the amount of \$5,000.00, paid to the order of Victco Financial Service,
   Inc., "Remitter Hector Esparza;"
- A Vernon Commerce Credit Union Wire Transfer Instruction
   Form, dated 5/8/02, from Francisco Yanez in the amount of
   \$15,000.00 to National Westminster Bank, Milton Keynes,
   MK9, U.K., for credit to the account of IBF Capital Limited.
   The form also contains the line, "Reference Or further credit to:
   ACC# 2785 Francisco Yanez;"
- A Vernon Commerce Credit Union Wire Transfer Instruction
   Form, dated 6-4-02, from Francisco Yanez in the amount of
   \$15,000.00 to National Westminster Bank, Milton Keynes,
   MK9, U.K., for credit to the account of IBF Capital Limited.
   The form also contains the line, "Reference Or further credit to:
   ACC# 2785 Francisco Yanez;"
- A one page account statement for Lidia and Francisco Yanez from Vernon Commerce Credit Union;

- Victco Financial Service, Inc. Check, No. 1608, in the amount of \$476.93, paid to the order of Francisco Yanez;
- Victco Financial Service, Inc. Check, No. 1610, in the amount of \$6,650.00, paid to the order of Francisco Yanez;
- A copy of a letter from Ben Ouyang to Francisco Yanez on
   Victco Financial Service, Inc., letterhead stating, in part,
   "Please be advised that you will hold yourself responsible and
   liable for any misrepresentations that you or your agents made
   concerning Victco or our affiliates;"
- A three page document entitled Confirmation/Statement of
  Account for customer Yanez, Account ID 2785 at IBF Capital
  Limited, Milton Keynes, MK9 2EA, U.K, Beginning Date,
  15.07.2002 1700 EST, and Ending Date 16.07.2002 16:59
  EST.;
- A two page document entitled Confirmation/Statement of
  Account for customer Yanez, Account ID 2785 at IBF Capital
  Limited, Milton Keynes, MK9 2EA, U.K, Beginning Date,
  01.10.2002 1700 EST, and Ending Date 02.10.2002 16:59 EST.

Additionally, Plaintiff has reviewed the Victco Bank of America records and the IBF Capital Limited Universal Bank records it previously subpoenaed. In his

claims submission, and included above, Mr. Yanez accounts for two checks issued by Victco to Yanez, drawn from its Bank of America account, totaling \$7,126.93. But, in his claims submission, Mr. Yanez fails to include an additional four checks, totaling \$17,523.00, paid by Victco to Mr. Yanez from its Bank of America account and a wire for \$7,000.00 to Yanez from IBF Capital Limited's Universal Bank account.

(ii) The basis for Plaintiff's statement that there are no other claimants in Yanez's position is simply that Plaintiff's investigation and litigation of this matter has not revealed evidence of other claimants in Yanez's position.

### **Issue 2: Pong Re Shin and Young Hee Kim**

#### The Issue

Why were the net amounts claimed by claimants Pong Re Shin and Young

Hee Kim reduced by the amount of "funds invested in IB Funds Inc?"

## Plaintiff's Response

Plaintiff did not sue IB Funds, Inc. Accordingly, Plaintiff has excluded from its proposed distribution plan all claims arising from funds invested with IB Funds, Inc.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> IB Funds, Inc., should not to be confused with IBF Capital Limited, a d/b/a for defendant Yuen Kwong "Anthony" Wong, against whom this Court entered a default judgment on March 8, 2004.

# Issue 3: Guillermina Reyes

#### The Issue

Explain the following statement (appearing as a comment to the entry for claimant Guillermina Reyes, number 41 on Exhibit B to the Motion): "Reduce claim by (\$6,972.62) – not a deposit but account balance as of 10/1/02 of Fain [sic] Capital Inc. broker statement."

#### Plaintiff's Response

As part of her claim against Victco and Ouyang, Ms. Reyes claimed \$6,972.62 as a deposit she made with Gain Capital. In fact, this amount represents an account balance as of September 30, 2002 in her Gain Capital account. Her initial deposit of \$5,000.00 was made on March 7, 2002. Ms. Reyes claimed withdrawals from that account totaling \$3,819.91. Thus, her net allowable claim – in this instance, is the difference between her total deposits (\$5,000.00) and her total withdrawals (\$3,819.91), which totals \$1,180.09.

#### **Issue 4: Silvia Chavez and Carlos and Nelly Santos**

#### The Issue

Are the claims of Silvia Chavez and of Carlos and Nelly Santos duplicative?

#### Plaintiff's Response

These claims are not duplicative. Exhibit C to the Motion lists Customer #6

as Chavez, Silvia/Santos, Nelly, which gives the erroneous impression that this was a joint account. Ms. Chavez and Ms. Santos did not in fact maintain a joint account. During the relevant time period they did reside at the same address and Ms. Chavez's claim was received by Plaintiff in an envelope showing both names on the return address. However, the account referred to in #6 on Exhibit C relates only to an account opened and maintained exclusively in the name of Sylvia Chavez.

#### Issue 5: Maria Luna and Mayra Luna

#### The Issue

Are the claims of Maria Luna and Mayra Luna duplicative, or identical?

# Plaintiff's Response

These claims are neither duplicative, nor identical. Ms. Maria Luna and Ms. Mayra Luna are different individuals who reside in different states and who opened separate accounts on different dates.

# Issue 6: James Zhiquian Huang

#### The Issue

Claimant James Zhiquian Huang filed a claim for \$40,000, but his net allowable claim has been reduced to \$0 because he received a withdrawal of \$71,330.50. Why did he receive that withdrawal? Did he invest more than \$40,000 and if so, might he still be owed some or all of the \$40,000 he claimed?

#### Plaintiff's Response

Mr. Huang submitted documentation for the deposit of \$40,000 with Victco. Victco's Bank of America records show a transfer of \$71,330.50 to Mr. Huang. But, Mr. Huang did not submit documentation reflecting that he had received \$71,330.50 from Bank of America.

In evaluating Mr. Huang's claim Plaintiff has concluded that, due to the timing of his withdrawal request, Mr. Huang was able to profit from his investment due to trading gains in his account. Because Plaintiff has not named Mr. Huang as a relief defendant, he is free to keep those gains. Plaintiff has not discovered evidence of, nor has Mr. Huang claimed, any investment with Victco other than the initial \$40,000.

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#### **CONCLUSION**

Plaintiff respectfully requests that the Court issue an order approving the Motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: July 7, 2006

David Acevedo

Attorney for Plaintiff

Commodity Futures Trading Commission

#### PROOF OF SERVICE

1	PROOF OF SERVICE
2	I certify and declare that I am over the age of 18 years, not a party to the above-
3	entitled action, and employed by U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission
4	Division of Enforcement, 140 Broadway, 19 <sup>th</sup> Floor, New York, NY 10005. On
5	July 7, 2006 I served a true copy of
6	PLAINTIFF'S RESPONSES TO ISSUES PROPOUNDED BY THE COURT WITH RESPECT TO PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR A PROPOSED DISTRIBUTION PLAN
8	by depositing it with the United States Postal Service in a sealed envelope with the
9	postage thereon fully prepaid to:
10	Hank Vanderkam, Esq. Vanderkam & Associates 1301 Travis
	Houston, TX 77002
12	I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of
13	America that the foregoing is true and correct.
14	Executed on July 7, 2006 at New York, New York.
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