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ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING
FILE NO. 3-11420

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Before the
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
April 7, 2004

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In the Matter of :
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RHINO ECOSYSTEMS, INC. :
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The Securities and Exchange Commission issued its Order Instituting Proceedings (OIP) on March 3, 2004. The Chief Administrative Law Judge then assigned the matter to my docket and scheduled a hearing for April 12, 2004.

The Office of the Secretary received a United States Postal Service Form 3811 showing that "Porter," an agent for Richard P. Greene of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, received the OIP on March 8, 2004. Because the time for Rhino Ecosystems, Inc. (Rhino), to file its Answer to the OIP and the time for an Administrative Law Judge to issue an Initial Decision both run from the date of service of the OIP, I asked the Division of Enforcement (Division) to file a statement as to whether it considers receipt of the OIP by "Porter" to constitute valid service of the OIP upon Rhino (Order of Mar. 31, 2004).

On April 5, 2004, the Division stated that it does not believe that service was valid. The Division also explained the other steps it is taking to effectuate service of the OIP upon Rhino, and it requested a postponement of the hearing. Because the Division does not believe that service of the OIP upon Rhino was valid, the time for filing an Answer and the time for issuing an Initial Decision have not started to run.

The Division's motion to postpone the hearing is granted. The hearing will commence on May 12, 2004, at the time and place previously identified. The Division must notify this Office promptly after service of the OIP has been effectuated.

SO ORDERED.



James T. Kelly
Administrative Law Judge