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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,

-against-

HENRY MORRIS, DAVID J. LOGLISCI, NOSEMOTE LLC,
PANTIGO EMERGING LLC, and PURPOSE LLC,

Defendants.

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Plaintiff Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission"), for its complaint against defendants Henry Morris ("Morris"), David J. Loglisci ("Loglisci"), Nosemote LLC ("Nosemote"), Pantigo Emerging LLC ("Pantigo") and Purpose LLC ("Purpose") (collectively, the "Defendants"), alleges as follows:

SUMMARY OF ALLEGATIONS

1. This action involves a fraudulent scheme to extract kickbacks from investment management firms seeking to manage investment assets held by the New York State Common Retirement Fund ("Retirement Fund") in trust for New York state employees, retirees and other beneficiaries. Morris and Loglisci, and certain entities controlled by Morris that are named

herein as defendants, initiated, directed, implemented and benefited from the scheme. During the period from 2003 through late 2006, Loglisci served as the State of New York's Deputy Comptroller and Chief Investment Officer ("CIO"), and Morris was the top political advisor and chief fundraiser for Alan Hevesi, who was then the State of New York's Comptroller. The Defendants' scheme corrupted the integrity of the Retirement Fund's investment processes and resulted in Retirement Fund assets being invested with the purpose of enriching the Defendants.

2. Pursuant to the Defendants' scheme, Loglisci caused the Retirement Fund to invest billions of dollars with private equity firms and hedge fund managers that together paid millions of dollars to Morris and others in the form of sham "finder" or "placement agent" fees in order to obtain those investments from the Retirement Fund. These payments to Morris and others were, in fact, little more than kickbacks that were made pursuant to undisclosed *quid pro quo* arrangements or were otherwise fraudulently induced by the Defendants. Morris and others who received these sham payments did not perform *bona fide* finding, placement or other services in exchange for the payments, and Morris and Loglisci both knew that Loglisci would not approve a Retirement Fund investment in those instances unless Morris or certain others were paid by the investment management firm. In many such instances, the investment management firm personnel also knew, or were at least reckless in not knowing, that Loglisci would not approve the proposed investment absent an agreement to pay Morris or certain other persons. In fact, the Defendants often arranged for Morris or others to receive "finder" or "placement agent" fees on deals in which the investment manager already had a relationship with the Retirement Fund or was already negotiating an investment with Loglisci. In some instances, the Defendants, sometimes with the help of others, concealed Morris's role in the

transaction from the investment management firm by making misrepresentations about Morris's involvement and covertly using an intermediary to funnel payments to Morris.

3. Although Loglisci knew the true purpose of the payments at issue, neither he nor Morris, nor the investment management firms that made the payments, disclosed the true nature of the payments or the underlying arrangements to the Retirement Fund's Investment Advisory Committee ("IAC"), a statutory body charged with monitoring and advising the Comptroller's office regarding the Retirement Fund's investments, reviewing the Retirement Fund's investment policies and making any necessary recommendations. As a result of those omissions and the Defendants' scheme, the IAC was deprived of material information that it needed to carry out its statutory duties and the Retirement Fund was thus deprived of material information when making investment decisions, *i.e.* that Loglisci's decision to invest Retirement Fund assets with certain investment management firms was based on the firms' willingness to enrich Morris and certain others, rather than on Loglisci's independent assessment of the merits of such an investment free from any conflicts of interest. The IAC was unaware that Loglisci ensured that those investment managers that made the requisite payments to Morris, and other recipients designated by Morris and Loglisci, were rewarded with very lucrative investment management contracts and denied business to those investment managers that declined to make such payments.

4. By virtue of the foregoing conduct, each of the Defendants, directly or indirectly, singly or in concert, violated Section 10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act") [15 U.S.C. § 78j(b)] and Rule 10b-5 thereunder [17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5]; and each of them is also liable in the alternative, pursuant to Section 20(e) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. §

78t(e)], for aiding and abetting the violations of Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. §78j(b)] and Rule 10b-5 thereunder [17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5] committed by the other Defendants and by other persons described herein. By virtue of the conduct described above, defendants Morris, Nosemote, Pantigo and Purpose, directly or indirectly, singly or in concert, also violated Section 17(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 (“Securities Act”) [15 U.S.C. § 77q(a)]. In addition, each of the Defendants is also liable, by virtue of the conduct described herein, for aiding and abetting violations of Sections 206(1) and 206(2) of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 (“Advisers Act”) [15 U.S.C. §§ 80b-6(1) and 80b-6(2)] by certain other persons described herein. Unless each of the Defendants is permanently restrained and enjoined, they will again engage in the acts, practices, transactions and courses of business set forth in this complaint and in acts, practices, transactions and courses of business of similar type and object.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

5. The Commission brings this action pursuant to the authority conferred by Section 20(b) of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. § 77t(b)], Section 21(d) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78u(d)] and Section 209(d) of the Advisers Act [15 U.S.C. § 80b-9(d)], seeking to restrain and enjoin permanently the Defendants from engaging in the acts, practices, transactions and courses of business alleged herein. The Commission also seeks a final judgment ordering the Defendants to disgorge their ill-gotten gains and pay prejudgment interest thereon, and ordering the Defendants to pay civil money penalties pursuant to Section 20(d) of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. § 77t(d)] and Section 21(d)(3) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78u(d)(3)].

6. This Court has jurisdiction over this action, and venue lies in this District, pursuant to Sections 20(d) and 22(a) of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. §§ 77t(d) and 77v(a)],

Sections 21(d) and 27 of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. §§78u(d) and 78aa], and Section 214 of the Advisers Act [15 U.S.C. § 80b-14]. The Defendants, directly or indirectly, singly or in concert, have made use of the means or instruments of transportation or communication in, and the means or instrumentalities of, interstate commerce, or of the mails, in connection with the transactions, acts, practices, and courses of business alleged herein. Some of these transactions, acts, practices and courses of business occurred in the Southern District of New York, where each of the Defendants transacted business during the relevant period. In addition, Morris resides and maintains an office in New York, New York, and the principal places of business of Nosemote and Purpose are located in New York, New York. The Comptroller of the State of New York also maintains an office in New York, New York, and Loglisci worked in that office during the relevant period.

THE DEFENDANTS

7. **Morris**, age 55, resides in New York City and East Hampton, New York. From June 2003 through August 2008, Morris was a registered representative associated with Searle & Co. ("Searle"), a Connecticut-based broker dealer and investment adviser. Morris holds Series 7 and 63 licenses. He is also an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of New York.

8. **Loglisci**, age 38, resides in Norwalk, Connecticut. Beginning in 2003, he served as the Director of Alternative Investments for the Comptroller of the State of New York, overseeing investments in private equity funds. In April 2004, Loglisci was promoted to Deputy Comptroller and CIO and served in that position until his resignation in mid-2007. He then worked briefly for a hedge fund sponsor. From 1998 to 2002, he was an investment banker at a

major Wall Street firm and held a Series 7 license. Loglisci is an attorney licensed to practice law in New York and Connecticut.

9. **Nosemote** is a New York limited liability company owned by Morris with a principal place of business in New York, New York.

10. **Pantigo** is a New York limited liability company owned by Morris with a principal place of business in East Hampton, New York and other offices in New York, New York.

11. **Purpose** is a New York limited liability company owned jointly by Nosemote and another limited liability company. Purpose's principal place of business is located in New York, New York.

OTHER RELEVANT PERSONS AND ENTITIES

12. **The Retirement Fund** is a public pension fund that during the relevant period held over \$150 billion in assets for more than one million New York State employees, retirees and other beneficiaries. The Retirement Fund is the largest pension fund in New York and the third largest pension fund in the country. Pursuant to New York statute, the Comptroller is the sole trustee of the Retirement Fund.

13. **Searle**, a Connecticut corporation with its principal place of business in Greenwich, Connecticut, is registered with the Commission as a broker-dealer and an investment adviser.

THE DEFENDANTS' FRAUDULENT CONDUCT

Background

14. Following the November 2002 election, Morris, who was a professional political strategist and had little, if any, experience in the investment field, set himself up as a purported “finder” or “placement agent” for private equity and hedge fund managers seeking investors. In mid-2003, Morris became associated with Searle and obtained his Series 7 license. The lawful receipt of finder or placement fees by an individual in connection with the purchase or sale of securities typically requires association with a registered broker-dealer. Searle agreed to let Morris keep 90 to 95 percent of the fees Morris generated. The typical role of a legitimate finder or placement agent is to identify and introduce the client to potential investors and help the client solicit the investors for business. Genuine placement agents and finders often perform a variety of specific services, such as helping to craft marketing materials and presentations to investors.

Overview Of The Scheme

15. Morris made over \$15 million in purported placement and finder fees between January 2003 and December 2006, but Morris was rarely, if ever, paid for providing legitimate finding or placement services. Instead, Morris schemed with Loglisci and others to extract money from investment managers seeking to do business with the Retirement Fund.

16. In a variety of different transactions and contexts, Morris and Loglisci made clear, whether through classic “pay to play” tactics or other means, that investment managers must pay a “fee” to Morris or certain others, including a family friend of Loglisci who was in the hedge fund business (“Individual A”), in order to obtain an investment from the Retirement Fund. As

detailed below, Loglisci repeatedly directed investment managers who solicited him for investment business to Morris or certain other individuals, and signaled to the investment managers that they first needed to “hire” Morris or a certain other individual as a finder or placement agent. Once a fee for Morris or the other individual was agreed upon, Loglisci approved the proposed deal with the investment management firm. In accordance with the Defendants’ scheme, Loglisci failed to disclose, and took steps to conceal, these *quid pro quo* arrangements and improper payments from other members of the Comptroller’s investment staff and the IAC. Although the investment managers who made the payments at issue to Morris and certain other individuals were obligated, contractually and otherwise, to make disclosures to the Retirement Fund about fees paid to finders, placement agents or other third parties in connection with the Retirement Fund’s investments, those investment managers also failed to disclose to the IAC or other relevant members of the Retirement Fund’s investment staff the true nature and intended beneficiary of the payments. By making investment decisions based on the investment managers’ willingness to enrich Morris and certain others, Loglisci abused his public office and he and Morris, among others, defrauded the Retirement Fund.

17. Loglisci also personally benefited from his role in the scheme. In addition to receiving Morris’s support for his promotion to Deputy Comptroller and CIO, Loglisci benefited financially from the scheme by obtaining funding for a low budget film, titled *Chooch*, that Loglisci and his brothers produced. In or about February and March of 2004, Morris and the principal of a private equity firm seeking to do business with the Retirement Fund each separately invested \$100,000 to help market and distribute *Chooch*. Individual A had previously also invested at least \$100,000 in *Chooch*. As described below, Loglisci steered

Retirement Fund business to Individual A and arranged for Individual A to be paid by other investment managers.

18. Neither Morris nor anyone else who received the payments at issue performed legitimate placement or finder services for the investment management firms who made the payments, underscoring the *quid pro quo* nature of the Defendants' arrangements. Neither Morris nor anyone else who received the payments at issue introduced the investment managers to the Retirement Fund and, in some cases, the investment managers had already hired a finder or placement agent of their own and were already negotiating an investment with Loglisci when they were told that they also needed to "hire" Morris or another individual. Although finders typically attend meetings between their clients and the investors whom they are soliciting, Morris did not attend such meetings and had no interaction with anyone on the Retirement Fund's investment staff other than Loglisci and Loglisci's top deputy, a trusted confidante. Loglisci, Morris and others involved in the scheme were careful to conceal anything that would indicate to other members of the Comptroller's investment staff that Morris was being paid by investment managers doing business with the Retirement Fund and thereby reveal their scheme. In fact, Morris paid the girlfriend of a high-ranking member of the Comptroller's staff nearly \$100,000 in cash to ensure that the staff member would not ask questions or otherwise reveal the scheme to others.

19. As the scheme progressed, the Defendants and others involved in the scheme took additional steps to conceal the fraud, and Morris's role in particular. On some transactions, Loglisci and Individual A arranged for the investment manager to make the payment to Individual A, and Individual A would then covertly funnel a portion of the payment to Morris.

In some of those instances, Loglisci and Individual A even hid Morris's involvement from the investment manager making the payment to Individual A.

20. To further ensure that the payments made to Morris and others remained secret, Morris and Loglisci also worked to circumvent the Retirement Fund's disclosure policy, which required investment managers to make written disclosure of all fees, including placement agent and finder fees, paid in connection with obtaining business from the Retirement Fund. To avoid meaningful disclosure and conceal the scheme, Morris and Individual A often arranged for the investment managers to make the payments to a web of offshore and other entities owned or controlled by Morris (e.g. Nosemote, Pantigo, and Purpose); or to Individual A or entities owned or controlled by Individual A. On at least one occasion, Loglisci directed an investment manager to identify only the entity through which Morris was being paid when the investment manager asked Loglisci whether Morris's name should be included on the disclosure form. Loglisci further undercut the impact of even these opaque disclosures by instructing the investment managers to send the disclosure forms directly to Loglisci and not to copy any other members of the Comptroller's staff. These disclosure files disappeared when Loglisci left the Comptroller's office in mid-2007. In any event, the fact that payments to Morris and certain other individuals were made pursuant to *quid pro quo* arrangements with Loglisci was never disclosed in any of the forms submitted by the investment managers or in any other way to the IAC or other relevant members of the Retirement Fund's investment staff.

21. Neither the IAC nor other relevant members of the Retirement Fund's investment staff were aware that those investment managers that agreed to make the requisite payments to Morris and other recipients designated by Morris and Loglisci were rewarded by Loglisci with

lucrative investment management contracts or that Loglisci denied business to those investment managers who declined to make such payments. In some cases, Loglisci arranged for the Retirement Fund to make substantial investments with investment managers who agreed to pay Morris and certain others even though those managers had limited or spotty track records. As a result of the Defendants' scheme, Morris and certain other individuals received sham placement or finder fees in connection with approximately \$5 billion, or more than half, of the \$9.5 billion in alternative investments made by the Retirement Fund during the relevant period.

Illustrative Transactions

22. The following transactions illustrate how the Defendants' scheme operated and the roles played by Morris and Loglisci:

HFV Multi-Strategy Fund

23. In or about June of 2003, Morris first met Individual A, who was associated with a hedge fund manager. The Retirement Fund was not yet investing in hedge funds at that time, but Individual A had identified the Retirement Fund as a potential investor before he met Morris and already had a relationship with Loglisci, who was a family friend. Nevertheless, Morris solicited a payment from Individual A in exchange for causing the Retirement Fund to expand its investment portfolio to include hedge funds and to invest in a hedge fund managed by a firm with which Individual A was associated. When Individual A asked Loglisci about Morris's proposition, Loglisci confirmed that Morris would need to be paid in order for Individual A to secure the desired investment from the Retirement Fund. In later conversations, Loglisci clearly indicated to Individual A that to obtain a substantial investment from the Retirement Fund, an investment manager must first agree to pay Morris. Individual A agreed to do so and, as a

result, a firm with which Individual A was associated became one of the first hedge fund managers to receive business from the Retirement Fund.

24. Pursuant to the foregoing arrangement among Morris, Loglisci and Individual A, a hedge fund management firm with which Individual A was associated, HFV Management, L.P. ("HFV"), entered into a written agreement in November 2004 to pay Nosemote, one of the defendant entities owned by Morris, a purported "finder fee" equal to ten percent of the net management and performance fees that the Retirement Fund paid to HFV for managing Retirement Fund assets. In exchange, in January 2005, Loglisci arranged for the Retirement Fund to make one of its first hedge fund investments by buying \$50 million worth of shares of HFV Multi-Strategy Fund, Ltd. ("HFV Fund"), a hedge fund managed by HFV that invested in hedge funds. Despite the HFV Fund's lackluster performance, Loglisci invested another \$50 million of Retirement Fund assets in the HFV Fund in three further purchases of shares from June 2006 through January 2007.

25. HFV's obligation to pay Nosemote was later assigned to an entity controlled by Individual A and then to another firm related to HFV, and Nosemote's right to receive payment was later assigned to Searle. In exchange for the Retirement Fund's \$100 million purchase of shares in the HFV Fund, the entity controlled by Individual A and the firm related to HFV together paid Morris, through Nosemote and Searle, a total of approximately \$600,000.

26. As Morris, Loglisci and Individual A fully understood and intended, the foregoing payments were, in fact, nothing more than a kickback paid to Morris in exchange for Loglisci agreeing to approve an investment with HFV. Morris did not perform any of the services that genuine placement agents and finders typically provide. Given Individual A's relationship with

Loglisci, Individual A did not need, and did not obtain through Morris, an introduction to the Comptroller's staff. In fact, as discussed with respect to some of the transactions described below, Loglisci's relationship with Individual A eventually led Loglisci and Morris to include Individual A in their scheme, with Morris and Individual A often working together to extract payments from investment management firms and then splitting those payments. After Loglisci made clear to Individual A that investment management firms must pay Morris in order to secure certain types of Retirement Fund investments, Individual A entered into an informal partnership with Morris. Individual A agreed to identify investment managers who might be soliciting the Retirement Fund and seek to arrange for them to pay Morris. In exchange, Morris agreed to give Individual A half of any of the payments that Individual A was able to extract from such managers.

Liberty Oak Capital Fund

27. Because the Retirement Fund had not previously invested in hedge funds, Loglisci had been required to take certain steps before approving the Retirement Fund's investment with HFV. Among other things, Loglisci needed to retain a hedge fund consultant to educate the investment staff about the basics of hedge fund investing and, as required by the Retirement Fund's policies and procedures, vet the investment programs of the hedge funds in which Loglisci wished to invest Retirement Fund assets.

28. In mid-2005, the hedge fund consultant that Loglisci had retained, Consulting Services Group, LLC ("CSG"), approached Loglisci about managing a portion of the Retirement Fund's hedge fund portfolio. Loglisci told a managing director for CSG that CSG would first need to agree to pay Morris. Although CSG had been the Retirement Fund's hedge fund

consultant since 2003 and had a close working relationship with the Comptroller's investment staff, Loglisci made it clear to CSG's managing director that CSG still needed to "hire" Morris as a "finder" in order for CSG to secure investment business from the Retirement Fund.

Loglisci indicated, in substance, that while Loglisci supported an investment with CSG, all investment decisions had to be officially approved and that CSG needed to have a deal to pay Morris to obtain such approval. Loglisci ceased further discussions with the managing director for CSG concerning CSG's proposal until CSG agreed to pay Morris.

29. The managing director for CSG subsequently met with Morris and, as directed by Morris, CSG entered into a written agreement with Searle in July 2005 in which CSG agreed to pay Searle an amount equal to thirty percent of the management fees that CSG received from the Retirement Fund for managing Retirement Fund assets. After the managing director reported to Loglisci that CSG had agreed to pay Morris, Loglisci resumed discussions with CSG and arranged for the Retirement Fund to hire CSG to create and manage an investment fund exclusively for the Retirement Fund, named Liberty Oak Capital Fund, L.P. ("Liberty Oak Fund"). Pursuant to this undisclosed *quid pro quo* arrangement, the Retirement Fund purchased a \$635 million limited partnership interest in the Liberty Oak Fund between July and December of 2006 and another \$130 million interest in June 2007. In exchange, CSG paid a total of approximately \$1.15 million to Searle, 95 percent of which went to Morris pursuant to Morris's arrangement with Searle.

30. The Liberty Oak Fund's holdings consisted of the shares of multiple hedge funds that traded in various securities, and the Retirement Fund was the only limited partner in the Liberty Oak Fund. CSG was the general partner of the Liberty Oak Fund, and the contract

through which the Retirement Fund purchased the sole limited partnership interest in the Liberty Oak Fund explicitly stated that CSG owed fiduciary duties directly to the Retirement Fund. As described above, CSG consulted directly with the Retirement Fund and, based on those consultations, created an investment portfolio that was specifically designed to achieve the Retirement Fund's investment objectives.

31. Given that CSG already had a strong relationship with Loglisci and other senior members of the Comptroller's investment staff, the statements by Loglisci and Morris regarding the need for CSG to engage Morris as a "finder" amounted to a kickback demand. Morris did not need to, and did not, introduce CSG to the Retirement Fund or perform any other legitimate placement or finding services for CSG.

Selection Of An Emerging Fund Manager

32. Morris and Loglisci punished investment managers who refused to pay off Morris or Individual A. There were instances in which Loglisci, in breach of his duty to act in the best interests of the Retirement Fund by making decisions based solely on the merits of a proposed investment, abruptly ended talks with investment managers who were unwilling to cut Morris or Individual A in on a deal and instead hired investment managers who were willing to do so. For example, Loglisci selected an investment manager to manage a newly formed portfolio of funds managed by minority group members and other "emerging" fund managers on the basis of the investment manager's willingness to pay Morris.

33. In or about early 2004, Loglisci met with a managing director of a minority-owned private equity firm to explore the possibility of that firm creating and managing a "fund of funds" through which the Retirement Fund would invest in minority-owned and other recently-

launched private equity funds. After that private equity firm had several meetings with Loglisci and other members of the Comptroller's staff, Individual A contacted the private equity firm's managing director and demanded that the firm pay Morris and Individual A one-half of the management fees that the firm would earn on the proposed "emerging" fund investment. Individual A warned the managing director that retaining Morris was "very important" to the process of securing an investment from the Retirement Fund, but the private equity firm refused to cut Morris and Individual A in on the deal. Upon learning of the private equity firm's refusal, Loglisci angrily confronted the managing director and, in substance, insisted that the firm needed to reach an agreement with Individual A, which Loglisci knew would result in a payment to Morris. When the managing director again refused, Loglisci terminated discussions between the Comptroller's staff and that private equity firm.

34. After rejecting the foregoing private equity firm, Loglisci and Morris recruited another private equity firm, Aldus Equity Partners, L.P. ("Aldus"), which already served as a consultant to the Retirement Fund on private equity transactions, to manage the Retirement Fund's emerging fund portfolio. Morris then informed an associate of his that Aldus was being considered for this role, and Morris directed his associate to inform a managing partner of Aldus ("Aldus Partner") that Aldus must first retain Morris as a finder. By the time Morris's associate contacted the Aldus Partner about the need for Aldus to retain Morris, the Aldus Partner had already engaged in discussions with the Comptroller's staff about the project. The Aldus Partner nevertheless agreed that Aldus would pay Morris after Morris's associate made clear to the Aldus Partner that Aldus, which was not minority-owned and did not have an established track record, would not be hired by the Retirement Fund without such an agreement. To

compensate his associate for the associate's assistance in securing this payment, Morris shared a portion of the payment with the associate.

35. Pursuant to the foregoing arrangement, in May 2004, Aldus signed a written agreement with Pantigo, one of the defendant entities owned by Morris, in which Aldus agreed to pay Pantigo an amount equal to 35 percent of the management fees that Aldus received from the Retirement Fund. As a result, Loglisci arranged for the Retirement Fund to invest with Aldus. The Retirement Fund purchased a \$175 million limited partnership interest in the Aldus/NY Emerging Fund, L.P. ("Emerging Fund"), an "emerging" fund that Aldus specifically designed and created for the Retirement Fund, in December 2004 and an additional \$200 million interest in February 2006. In exchange, Aldus paid a total of \$319,374 to Pantigo, which represented 35 percent of the fees that the Retirement Fund paid to Aldus.

36. The Emerging Fund's holdings consisted of shares of emerging private equity funds that traded in various securities, and the Retirement Fund was the only limited partner in the Emerging Fund. Aldus was the general partner of the Emerging Fund, and the contract through which the Retirement Fund purchased the sole limited partnership interest in the Emerging Fund expressly stated that Aldus owed fiduciary duties directly to the Retirement Fund. As described above, Aldus consulted directly with the Retirement Fund and, based on those consultations, created an investment portfolio that was specifically designed to achieve the Retirement Fund's investment objectives.

37. In or about late 2005, Aldus was contemplating an acquisition transaction with a large investment bank and the Aldus Partner told Individual A that he wanted to extricate Aldus from its arrangement with Morris. When Individual A relayed the Aldus Partner's request to

Morris, Morris confirmed the true nature of his role. Morris told Individual A, in substance, to inform the Aldus Partner that Morris could take the Retirement Fund's business away from Aldus just as quickly as he had given it to Aldus.

Other Improper Transactions Involving The Emerging Fund

38. Morris and Loglisci also used their leverage with Aldus to extract kickbacks in connection with investment opportunities that fell below the minimum amount required for the Retirement Fund to make a direct investment. For example, in 2006, Loglisci pressured the Aldus Partner to have the Emerging Fund invest in a certain smaller private equity fund, Falconhead Capital Partners II, LLP ("Falconhead Fund"), after Loglisci had already arranged for the private equity firm that managed the Falconhead Fund, Falconhead Capital LLC ("Falconhead"), to pay Morris in exchange for such an investment.

39. In or about April 2006, a senior officer of Falconhead ("Falconhead Executive") approached a senior official at the Comptroller's office about investing Retirement Fund money with Falconhead. Once Loglisci learned of this contact, Loglisci immediately tipped Individual A off about Falconhead's interest in doing business with the Retirement Fund. One day after the Falconhead Executive approached the senior official at the Retirement Fund, Individual A contacted the Falconhead Executive and informed him that Falconhead needed to retain Morris as a finder in order to secure an investment of Retirement Fund assets. Although Falconhead had already retained a large and well-known investment bank as its placement agent, the Falconhead Executive agreed that Falconhead would pay Morris through Searle. Morris agreed to split this payment with Individual A.

40. After Falconhead agreed to pay Searle two percent of any amount invested by the

Retirement Fund, Loglisci referred the Falconhead Executive to the Aldus Partner and made clear to the Aldus Partner that Loglisci wanted Aldus to cause the Emerging Fund to invest a portion of the money that the Emerging Fund had received from the Retirement Fund in the Falconhead Fund. As a result, the Emerging Fund invested \$15 million of Retirement Fund assets in the Falconhead Fund, a limited partnership managed by Falconhead, in November 2006 and another \$15 million in May 2007 by purchasing limited partnership interests in the Falconhead Fund.

41. As the foregoing demonstrates, the Defendants subverted the Retirement Fund's investment procedures for the sole purpose of extracting kickback payments for Morris and Individual A from Falconhead. Rather than identifying prospective investors for Falconhead, Morris and Individual A, acting on Loglisci's tip, simply intercepted Falconhead after the firm had already proposed an investment for the Retirement Fund's consideration. Loglisci then used his influence with Aldus to have Aldus cause the Emerging Fund to consummate the transaction that would generate the sham "finder" fees for Morris and Individual A.

42. Morris and Loglisci similarly misused the Emerging Fund to enrich Morris in a transaction in which Aldus and another smaller investment management firm did not even know that Morris was being paid. In April 2005, Loglisci arranged for the Aldus Partner to cause the Emerging Fund to make a \$20 million investment with that other firm because, unbeknownst to either the other firm or Aldus, the other firm's placement agent had already agreed to pay Morris 40 percent of any fees the placement agent received in connection with a Retirement Fund investment. As a result of the Emerging Fund's investment with the other firm, Morris was paid approximately \$80,000.

Odyssey Investment Partners Fund

43. In some instances, Morris contacted investment managers directly and negotiated the fraudulent arrangements on his own. In 2004, for example, Morris reached out to a managing director of Odyssey Investment Partners, LLC (“Odyssey”) and told the managing director that the Retirement Fund had its “own” placement agent -- Searle -- that investment managers had to retain in order to obtain business from the Retirement Fund. Although Odyssey had already retained a large and well-known investment bank as its placement agent, the Odyssey managing director agreed that Odyssey would also pay Searle on any investment that Odyssey received from the Retirement Fund.

44. In July 2004, Odyssey entered into a written agreement with Searle in which Odyssey agreed to pay Searle two percent of any amount that the Retirement Fund invested with Odyssey. Other than by executing the contract retaining Searle, neither the Odyssey managing director nor anyone else at Odyssey ever had dealings with anyone at Searle other than Morris, and Morris never disclosed his affiliation with Searle to the Odyssey managing director or anyone else at Odyssey.

45. Shortly after Odyssey agreed to pay Searle, Loglisci arranged for a “fund of funds” limited partnership that managed certain investments exclusively for the Retirement Fund to purchase a \$20 million limited partnership interest in Odyssey Investment Partners Fund III, L.P., a fund managed by Odyssey. That transaction closed in March 2005. As a result, Odyssey paid \$400,000 to Searle even though neither Morris nor anyone else at Searle ever performed any placement or other services in connection with the Retirement Fund’s investment.

Strategic Co-Investment Partners

46. In at least one instance, Loglisci enriched Morris and Individual A by demanding that investment managers seeking to do business with the Retirement Fund include Morris and Individual A as partners in the investment managers' proposed ventures. During the summer and early fall of 2005, Pacific Corporate Group Capital Partners ("PCG"), a private equity firm that already managed certain Retirement Fund investments, and Clinton Group, Inc. ("Clinton"), a hedge fund management firm, separately approached Loglisci to solicit investments from the Retirement Fund. After separately speaking with a managing director of PCG ("PCG Executive") and a senior officer of Clinton ("Clinton Executive"), with whom Loglisci was friends, Loglisci suggested to both of them that they join forces to create a new co-investment vehicle that would invest Retirement Fund money in private equity transactions. In January 2006, after further discussions about the proposed joint venture, Loglisci and Individual A met with the Clinton Executive. At the meeting, Loglisci made clear to the Clinton Executive that the joint venture must include both Morris and Individual A for the Retirement Fund to invest. Individual A subsequently relayed this same message to the PCG Executive as well.

47. Shortly thereafter, the Clinton Executive and the PCG Executive agreed to cut both Morris and Individual A in on the profits from the joint venture that Clinton and PCG ultimately put together in the form of a limited partnership known as Strategic Co-Investment Partners, L.P. ("Strategic Co-Investment"). An entity with which Individual A was associated, W Investment Strategies LLC ("W Investment"), received a free 10 percent ownership stake in the management entity to which the Retirement Fund paid management fees, Strategic Co-Investment Partners Management, LLC ("Strategic Co-Investment Management"), with the

understanding that W Investment would pass half its profits on to Morris. In exchange, Loglisci arranged for the Retirement Fund to invest approximately \$750 million in Strategic Co-Investment by acquiring a sole limited partnership interest in October 2006. As a result, in late 2006 and 2007, Strategic Co-Investment Management paid W Investment a total of \$1.26 million in periodic distributions even though neither Individual A nor W Investment had provided any services in exchange for the distributions. The Clinton Executive was the sole member of Strategic Co-Investment Management's managing member and the PCG Executive was a managing director of Strategic Co-Investment Management's managing member and managed Strategic Co-Investment Management's day-to-day activities.

48. Strategic Co-Investment invested in other companies through various means, including the purchase of securities, and the Retirement Fund was the only limited partner in Strategic Co-Investment. Strategic Co-Investment Management was hired by the general partner of Strategic Co-Investment, and the contract through which the Retirement Fund purchased the sole limited partnership interest in Strategic Co-Investment provided that Strategic Co-Investment Management owed fiduciary duties directly to the Retirement Fund. Clinton, PCG, and Strategic Co-Investment Management consulted directly with the Retirement Fund and, based on those consultations, created an investment portfolio that was specifically designed to achieve the Retirement Fund's investment objectives.

49. To ensure that the Retirement Fund made the investment and that Morris and Individual A received their money, Loglisci ignored obvious shortcomings in the investment proposal and circumvented internal procedures, thereby acting contrary to the Retirement Fund's best interests. Clinton was a hedge fund manager with little or no experience in managing the

type of private equity venture that was being proposed. Rather than engaging the Retirement Fund's usual private equity consultant to conduct the requisite due diligence and otherwise vet the proposed transaction, Loglisci instead assigned the project to Aldus, which was also used by the Retirement Fund as a private equity consultant (*see* ¶ 34 above). Although Aldus initially balked at endorsing the deal, Aldus ultimately bowed to pressure from Loglisci and agreed to issue a qualified report that was nevertheless sufficient to allow Loglisci to invest Retirement Fund money in Strategic Co-Investment.

50. Loglisci and the other individuals involved in this transaction took steps to conceal Morris's role from Aldus, which had inquired into the ownership of Strategic Co-Investment and Strategic Co-Investment Management. Aldus specifically asked Individual A, the PCG Executive and the Clinton Executive for a representation that there were no undisclosed agreements to pay third parties. In response, none of these individuals disclosed the intended payments to Morris. When Aldus asked Loglisci directly whether Morris was getting paid, Loglisci falsely denied that Morris was to be paid. Morris was aware of the misrepresentations made to Aldus about his role.

51. Loglisci's insistence on including Morris and Individual A as partners in Strategic Co-Investment was simply a different means of funneling kickback payments to Morris and Individual A. Morris and Individual A added no legitimate value to the venture and would not have otherwise been included. For Strategic Co-Investment Management, the inclusion of Individual A and Morris, who had no investment management background whatsoever, was simply the cost of doing business with the Retirement Fund.

Access Capital Partners

52. In other instances, the Defendants and others even hid Morris's involvement from the investment managers who were paying the sham fees. In or about July of 2004, Loglisci asked Individual A to locate a European investment opportunity for the Retirement Fund. As a result, Individual A approached Access Capital Advisors Ltd. ("Access Capital"), an investment management firm specializing in the creation and management of funds that invest in European private equity funds. In March 2005, Access Capital signed a written agreement to pay an entity controlled by Individual A an amount equal to 50 percent of any management and performance fees that Access Capital earned on a Retirement Fund investment. Because of Loglisci's insistence that Morris needed to be paid in connection with any large or specialized investment by the Retirement Fund, such as the proposed transaction with Access Capital, Individual A planned on splitting his fees with Morris. However, Morris was increasingly concerned during this period about concealing the payments to him in connection with the many Retirement Fund transactions that were in the pipeline. As a result, Individual A repeatedly assured Access Capital that Individual A was not going to share the fees it paid to Individual A's company with anyone else even though Individual A had every intention of splitting those fees with Morris.

53. After Individual A informed Loglisci that Access Capital had agreed to pay Individual A, Loglisci arranged for the Retirement Fund to invest over \$500 million with Access Capital between March 2005 and April 2007 by purchasing limited partnership interests in the Access/NY European Middle Market Buyout Fund, L.P. ("Access Fund"), a fund managed by Access that invested in European private equity funds. As a result, Access Capital paid approximately \$2.4 million to the aforementioned entity controlled by Individual A. Individual

A then secretly transmitted approximately 33 percent of that amount, more than \$790,000, to Nosemote and Searle on Morris's behalf. Loglisci was not only aware of the fee-splitting arrangement between Individual A and Morris, but this arrangement was a precondition for the Retirement Fund to invest in the Access Fund. However, Loglisci failed to disclose these material facts to the IAC or anyone else at the Retirement Fund, and he thereby breached his fiduciary duty to the Retirement Fund.

Payments To Other Political Allies

54. In addition to arranging payments to Morris, Loglisci and Morris also arranged for investment management firms to pay sham finder fees to other political allies in exchange for receiving Retirement Fund investments. Like Morris, these other individuals had no experience or training in investment management and provided no *bona fide* services in exchange for the payments. As described below, Loglisci and Morris played key roles in extracting these other payments from investment managers and manipulated the Retirement Fund's decision-making process to ensure that those managers received Retirement Fund investments.

55. For example, in 2004, Loglisci and Morris entered into an arrangement with a managing director of GKM Newport Management, LLC ("GKM"), a private equity firm, for GKM to hire a political fundraiser ("Individual B") as its placement agent in exchange for receiving an investment from the Retirement Fund. Although GKM's managing director had already secured a meeting with the Comptroller's investment staff, GKM agreed to retain Individual B despite the fact that Individual B had no relevant experience and had never acted as a finder. To ensure that GKM honored the arrangement, Loglisci made clear to GKM's managing director that the Retirement Fund would not invest with GKM unless Individual B

was paid a substantial fee. GKM's managing director sent an e-mail to one of his partners stating that Loglisci "made it clear to me that this deal is happening for us for one reason and for one reason only and that is their relationship with [Individual B]."

56. Over the next three years, Loglisci arranged for the Retirement Fund to invest approximately \$800 million with GKM by purchasing limited partnership interests in GKM/NY Venture Capital Fund, L.P. ("GKM Fund"), a fund run by a GKM affiliate that invested in venture capital funds. At the time of the Retirement Fund's initial investment, GKM had only \$13 million under management. In exchange for the Retirement Fund's investment, GKM paid \$658,000 in fees to Purpose, which was, in substance, jointly owned by Individual B and Morris. Purpose then transferred approximately \$477,000 to Individual B, leaving \$181,000 for Morris.

57. The GKM affiliate invested in venture capital funds, and the Retirement Fund was the only limited partner in the GKM Fund. The GKM affiliate was the general partner of the GKM Fund, and the contract through which the Retirement Fund purchased the sole limited partnership interest in the GKM Fund expressly stated that the GKM affiliate owed fiduciary duties directly to the Retirement Fund. As described above, GKM and its affiliate consulted directly with the Retirement Fund and, based on those consultations, created an investment portfolio that was specifically designed to achieve the Retirement Fund's investment objectives.

58. Morris and Loglisci also arranged for an influential political ally ("Individual C") to receive phony finder fees in connection with two other Retirement Fund investments. Morris and Individual C were longtime associates. In April 2003, Individual C became associated with a broker-dealer. At or about the same time, Individual C appealed to a senior official in the

Comptroller's office for financial support and was referred to Morris. As a result of those and subsequent discussions, Morris and Loglisci arranged for Individual C to receive payments in connection with the Retirement Fund's investments in funds managed by Paladin Homeland Security Holdings, LLC ("Paladin") and Pequot Capital Management, Inc. ("Pequot"). Morris and Loglisci inserted Individual C into these two transactions solely for the purpose of directing money to Individual C, and Individual C did not perform any *bona fide* finding or placement services for either Paladin or Pequot.

59. Morris arranged with a senior executive at Paladin for Paladin to retain Individual C as a finder and agree to pay Individual C an amount equal to 1.5 percent of any amount that the Retirement Fund invested with Paladin. Loglisci was aware of this arrangement and, as a result, he caused the Retirement Fund to invest with Paladin by purchasing a \$20 million limited partnership interest in the Paladin Homeland Security Fund (NY), L.P. in May 2004. As a result of this transaction, Paladin paid \$300,000 to Individual C. In 2005, Morris arranged for a finder retained by Pequot, which was already working on a transaction with the Retirement Fund, to split his fees with Individual C on that transaction. Loglisci was aware of this arrangement and, as a result, Loglisci caused the Retirement Fund to invest approximately \$100 million in the Pequot Diversified Offshore Fund, Ltd., a fund run by Pequot, in October 2005. Although Individual C provided no services whatsoever to Pequot or its finder, the finder secretly paid \$505,000 to Individual C, which was approximately one-third of the total finder fee received by Pequot's finder.

Carlyle/Riverstone Transactions

60. As described above, after Loglisci first informed Individual A that investment management firms must pay Morris in order to secure certain types of Retirement Fund investments, Individual A entered into an informal partnership with Morris to extract and share payments from investment managers seeking to do business with the Retirement Fund. The private equity transactions described below further illustrate how Morris and Individual A worked together to enrich themselves through their relationship with Loglisci.

61. In or about July 2003, Individual A received a tip from Loglisci that the Retirement Fund was interested in investing in energy sector funds. Individual A then contacted a neighbor who was a former investment banker and had recently formed a private equity firm named Riverstone Holdings LLC ("Riverstone"), of which Individual A's neighbor was a managing director ("Riverstone Executive"). Riverstone was engaged in a joint venture with the Carlyle Group ("Carlyle"), a larger private equity firm, to create a private equity fund that would invest in energy companies, Carlyle/Riverstone Global Energy and Power Fund II, L.P. ("Carlyle/Riverstone Fund"). Individual A advised the Riverstone Executive that the Carlyle/Riverstone Fund could obtain an investment from the Retirement Fund if it retained Morris. After meeting with Morris on Individual A's instructions, the Riverstone Executive arranged for Carlyle to retain Morris, through Searle, as a finder even though Carlyle had its own in-house marketing operation and was spearheading the marketing efforts for the Carlyle/Riverstone Fund. The Riverstone Executive understood that Morris intended to split the finder fees with Individual A. In August 2003, Carlyle entered into a written agreement to pay Searle two percent of any capital commitment that the Carlyle/Riverstone Fund received from

the Retirement Fund. According to the terms of the agreement between Carlyle and Searle, Carlyle was responsible for paying 1.5 % of Searle's fees and Riverstone was responsible for paying the other 0.5 %.

62. Even though Riverstone and Carlyle had previously managed only one small energy fund together, Loglisci caused the Retirement Fund to invest a total of \$500 million in the Carlyle/Riverstone Fund pursuant to the foregoing arrangement. The Retirement Fund purchased a \$150 million limited partnership interest in the Carlyle/Riverstone Fund in November 2003 and an additional \$350 million interest in its successor fund in October 2005. As a result, Riverstone and Carlyle paid Searle a total of \$10 million between January 2004 and May 2007. Searle then transferred \$5 million to Individual A, and 95% of the remaining \$5 million went to Morris pursuant to his usual arrangement with Searle.

63. In addition to arranging for Morris and Individual A to be paid on the Retirement Fund's transactions with the Carlyle/Riverstone Fund, the Riverstone Executive personally invested \$100,000 in *Chooch* to help Loglisci and his brothers market and distribute the film. The Riverstone Executive made this investment in March of 2004. Although the Retirement Fund had already made its first investment with the Carlyle/Riverstone Fund, Loglisci had not yet committed to making the \$350 million investment in the successor fund. In December 2005, Loglisci also caused the Retirement Fund to invest an additional \$30 million with Riverstone and Carlyle by purchasing, through one of the previously described "funds of funds," a limited partnership interest in a third private equity fund jointly managed by affiliates of Riverstone and Carlyle. Approximately two months before this third investment was made, Carlyle agreed to pay Morris, through Searle, an amount equal to two percent of any investments that the

Retirement Fund made in this third fund. As a result of the Retirement Fund's \$30 million investment in this third fund, Carlyle paid \$600,000 to Searle, which in turn remitted \$300,000 to Individual A and \$285,000 to Morris.

64. Neither Loglisci nor anyone else ever disclosed the foregoing payments made to Morris and Individual A or the Riverstone Executive's investment in *Chooch* -- and the resultant conflict of interest -- to other members of the Comptroller's staff or to the IAC. Nor did Loglisci ever disclose to other members of the Comptroller's staff or to the IAC that effecting the payments to Morris and Individual A was a principal reason that Loglisci caused the Retirement Fund to make these particular investments.

FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF

**Violations of Section 10(b)
of the Exchange Act and Rule 10b-5**

(All Defendants)

65. The Commission realleges and incorporates by reference herein each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 1 through 64.

66. The Defendants, as well as Individual A and certain investment management firms discussed above, directly or indirectly, singly or in concert, by use of the means or instrumentality of interstate commerce, or by the use of the mails, or of the facilities of a national securities exchange, in connection with the purchase or sale of securities, knowingly or recklessly, have: (a) employed devices, schemes and artifices to defraud; (b) made untrue statements of material facts and omitted to state material facts necessary in order to make statements made, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading;

and/or (c) engaged in acts, practices and courses of business which operated or would have operated as a fraud or deceit upon purchasers of securities and upon other persons.

67. As part and in furtherance of the fraudulent scheme and other violative conduct described above, each of the Defendants, as well as Individual A and certain investment management firms discussed above, directly or indirectly, singly or in concert, knowingly or recklessly engaged in and/or employed the fraudulent and deceptive devices, schemes, artifices, contrivances, acts, transactions, practices and courses of business and/or made the misrepresentations and/or omitted to state the facts alleged above in paragraphs 1 - 4 and 14 - 64.

68. The false and misleading statements and omissions made by Morris and Loglisci, as well as Individual A and certain investment management firms discussed above, more fully described above in paragraphs 1 - 4 and 14 - 64, were material.

69. Morris and Loglisci, as well as Individual A and certain investment management firms discussed above, knew or were reckless in not knowing that these material misrepresentations and omissions, more fully described above in paragraphs 1 - 4 and 14 - 64, were false or misleading, and each of the Defendants also acted with the requisite scienter by knowingly or recklessly engaging in the fraudulent scheme and other misconduct described above in paragraphs 1 - 4 and 14 - 64.

70. By reason of the foregoing, each of the Defendants, singly or in concert, directly or indirectly, has violated, and unless enjoined will again violate, Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. §78j(b)] and Rule 10b-5 thereunder [17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5].

71. By reason of the foregoing and pursuant to Section 20(e) of the Exchange Act [15

U.S.C. § 78t(e)], each of the Defendants, singly or in concert, directly or indirectly, also aided and abetted, and are therefore also liable for, each other's primary violations, and the primary violations committed by Individual A and certain investment management firms discussed above, of Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. §78j(b)] and Rule 10b-5 thereunder [17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5], because they each knowingly provided substantial assistance to such other Defendants' and other entities' violations of Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. §78j(b)] and Rule 10b-5 thereunder [17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5]. Unless enjoined, each of the Defendants will again aid and abet violations of Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78j(b)] and Rule 10b-5 thereunder [17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5].

SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF

Violations of Section 17(a) of the Securities Act

(Morris, Nosemote, Pantigo, and Purpose)

72. The Commission realleges and incorporates by reference herein each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 1 through 64.

73. Morris, Nosemote, Pantigo, and Purpose, directly or indirectly, singly or in concert with others, in the offer and sale of securities, by use of the means and instruments of transportation and communication in interstate commerce and by use of the mails, knowingly or recklessly, have: (a) employed devices, schemes or artifices to defraud; (b) obtained money or property by means of untrue statements of material fact or omissions to state material facts necessary in order to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; and/or (c) engaged in transactions, practices or courses of business which operate or would operate as a fraud or deceit upon the purchaser.

74. As part and in furtherance of the fraudulent scheme and other violative conduct described above, Morris, Nosemote, Pantigo, and Purpose, directly or indirectly, singly or in concert, knowingly or recklessly engaged in and/or employed the fraudulent and deceptive devices, schemes, artifices, contrivances, acts, transactions, practices and courses of business and/or made the misrepresentations and/or omitted to state the facts alleged above in paragraphs 1- 4 and 14 - 64.

75. By reason of the foregoing, Morris, Nosemote, Pantigo, and Purpose, singly or in concert, directly or indirectly, have each violated, and unless enjoined will again violate, Section 17(a) of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. § 77q(a)].

THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF

Violations of Sections 206(1) and 206(2) of the Advisers Act

(All Defendants)

76. The Commission realleges and incorporates by reference herein each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 1 through 64.

77. As described above, certain investment management firms, directly or indirectly, knowingly or recklessly, by use of the mails or any means or instrumentality of interstate commerce, while acting as investment advisers within the meaning of Section 202(11) of the Advisers Act [15 U.S.C. § 80b-2(11)], have: (a) employed devices, schemes, and artifices to defraud a client or prospective client; and/or (b) engaged in transactions, practices, or courses of business which operates as a fraud or deceit upon a client or prospective client. As a result, certain investment management firms discussed above violated Sections 206(1) and 206(2) of the Advisers Act [15 U.S.C. §§ 80b-6(1) and 80b-6(2)].

78. As part and in furtherance of the violative conduct described above, certain of the investment management firms, directly or indirectly, knowingly or recklessly engaged in and/or employed the fraudulent and deceptive devices, schemes, artifices, transactions, practices and courses of business and/or made the material misrepresentations and/or omitted to state the material facts alleged above in paragraphs 14 - 64.

79. As alleged above, each of the Defendants, directly or indirectly, singly or in concert, knowingly or recklessly also engaged in and/or employed the fraudulent and deceptive devices, schemes, artifices, contrivances, acts, transactions, practices and courses of business and/or made the misrepresentations and/or omitted to state the facts alleged above in paragraphs 14 - 64.

80. By reason of the foregoing and pursuant to Section 209(d) of the Advisers Act [15 U.S.C. § 80b-9(d)], each of the Defendants, singly or in concert, directly or indirectly, aided and abetted, and is therefore liable for, the primary violations committed by certain investment management firms discussed above of Sections 206(1) and 206(2) of the Advisers Act [15 U.S.C. §§ 80b-6(1) and 80b-6(2)], because each Defendant knowingly provided substantial assistance to such entities' violations of Sections 206(1) and 206(2) of the Advisers Act [15 U.S.C. §§ 80b-6(1) and 80b-6(2)]. Unless enjoined, each of the Defendants will again aid and abet violations of Sections 206(1) and 206(2) of the Advisers Act [15 U.S.C. §§ 80b-6(1) and 80b-6(2)].

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, the Commission respectfully requests that this Court enter a Final Judgment:

I.

Permanently enjoining and restraining each of the Defendants, their agents, servants, employees and attorneys and all persons in active concert or participation with them who receive actual notice of the injunction by personal service or otherwise, and each of them, from violating, directly or indirectly, Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78j(b)] and Rule 10b-5 thereunder [17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5].

II.

Permanently enjoining and restraining Morris, Nosemote, Pantigo, and Purpose, their agents, servants, employees and attorneys and all persons in active concert or participation with them who receive actual notice of the injunction by personal service or otherwise, and each of them, from violating, directly or indirectly, Section 17(a) of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. § 77q(a)].

III.

Permanently enjoining and restraining each of the Defendants, their agents, servants, employees and attorneys and all persons in active concert or participation with them who receive actual notice of the injunction by personal service or otherwise, and each of them, from directly or indirectly committing, or aiding and abetting, violations of Sections 206(1) and 206(2) of the Advisers Act [15 U.S.C. §§ 80b-6(1) and 80b-6(2)].

IV.

Ordering each of the Defendants to disgorge the ill-gotten gains they received from the violations alleged herein, and to pay prejudgment interest thereon.

V.

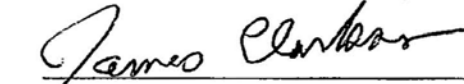
Ordering each of the Defendants to pay civil monetary penalties pursuant to Section 20(d) of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. § 77t(d)] and Section 21(d) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78u(d)].

VI.

Granting such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

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