

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**  
**Before the**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**  
**Release No. 62687 / August 11, 2010**

**ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING**  
**File No. 3-14001**

**In the Matter of**  
  
**RICHARD JONATHAN BLECH,**  
  
**Respondent.**

**ORDER INSTITUTING**  
**ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS**  
**PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(b) OF THE**  
**SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**  
**AND NOTICE OF HEARING**

**I.**

The Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) deems it appropriate and in the public interest that public administrative proceedings be, and hereby are, instituted pursuant to Section 15(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Exchange Act”) against Richard Jonathan Blech (“Respondent” or “Blech”).

**II.**

After an investigation, the Division of Enforcement alleges that:

**A. RESPONDENT**

1. Blech was the Chief Executive Officer of Credit Bancorp, Ltd. (“Credit Bancorp”), a Netherlands Antilles corporation. Blech was a principal and registered representative with Credit Bancorp & Co., a Credit Bancorp affiliate, during the time it was registered as a broker-dealer with the Commission. Blech had the sole signature authority over all the Credit Bancorp & Co. brokerage accounts.

**B. CRIMINAL CONVICTION**

2. Blech pleaded guilty to three counts of securities fraud and fraud by wire, radio or television in violation of 15 U.S.C. §§ 78(j), 1343 and 1346 before the United

States District Court for the Southern District of New York, United States v. Blech, et al., 1:02-CR-122. On June 24, 2005, a criminal judgment was entered against Blech. He was sentenced to a prison term of 72 months followed by three years of supervised release and ordered to make restitution in the amount of \$18,128,599.40.

3. The counts for which Blech was convicted alleged, inter alia, that Blech defrauded investors and obtained money and property by means of materially false and misleading statements, using the United States mails and telephone in furtherance of the scheme. The misconduct underlying the criminal charges occurred during the period in which Blech was associated with a broker-dealer.

### III.

In view of the allegations made by the Division of Enforcement, the Commission deems it necessary and appropriate in the public interest that public administrative proceedings be instituted to determine:

A. Whether the allegations set forth in Section II are true and, in connection therewith, to afford Respondent an opportunity to establish any defenses to such allegations; and

B. What, if any, remedial action is appropriate in the public interest against Respondent pursuant to Section 15(b)(6) of the Exchange Act.

### IV.

IT IS ORDERED that a public hearing for the purpose of taking evidence on the questions set forth in Section III hereof shall be convened at a time and place to be fixed, and before an Administrative Law Judge to be designated by further order as provided by Rule 110 of the Commission's Rules of Practice, 17 C.F.R. § 201.110.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Respondent shall file an Answer to the allegations contained in this Order within twenty (20) days after service of this Order, as provided by Rule 220 of the Commission's Rules of Practice, 17 C.F.R. § 201.220.

If Respondent fails to file the directed answer, or fails to appear at a hearing after being duly notified, the Respondent may be deemed in default and the proceedings may be determined against him upon consideration of this Order, the allegations of which may be deemed to be true as provided by Rules 155(a), 220(f), 221(f) and 310 of the Commission's Rules of Practice, 17 C.F.R. §§ 201.155(a), 201.220(f), 201.221(f) and 201.310.

This Order shall be served forthwith upon Respondent personally or by certified mail.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Administrative Law Judge shall issue an initial decision no later than 210 days from the date of service of this Order, pursuant to Rule 360(a)(2) of the Commission's Rules of Practice.

In the absence of an appropriate waiver, no officer or employee of the Commission engaged in the performance of investigative or prosecuting functions in this or any factually related proceeding will be permitted to participate or advise in the decision of this matter, except as witness or counsel in proceedings held pursuant to notice. Since this proceeding is not "rule making" within the meaning of Section 551 of the Administrative Procedure Act, it is not deemed subject to the provisions of Section 553 delaying the effective date of any final Commission action.

By the Commission.

Elizabeth M. Murphy  
Secretary

Service List

Rule 141 of the Commission's Rules of Practice provides that the Secretary, or another duly authorized officer of the Commission, shall serve a copy of the Order Instituting Administrative Proceedings Pursuant to Section 15(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Notice of Hearing ("Order") on the Respondent and his legal agent.

The attached Order has been sent to the following parties and other persons entitled to notice:

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