

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
TAMPA DIVISION**

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE
COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,

v.

Case No. 8:09-cv-87-T-26TBM

ARTHUR NADEL,
SCOOP CAPITAL, LLC,
SCOOP MANAGEMENT, INC.

Defendants,

SCOOP REAL ESTATE, L.P.
VALHALLA INVESTMENT PARTNERS, L.P.,
VALHALLA MANAGEMENT, INC.
VICTORY IRA FUND, LTD,
VICTORY FUND, LTD,
VIKING IRA FUND, LLC,
VIKING FUND, LLC, AND
VIKING MANAGEMENT,

Relief Defendants.

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RECEIVER'S MOTION TO APPROVE SETTLEMENT

Burton W. Wiand, as Receiver, moves the Court for an order approving settlement of a claim against the Gary L. Musser and Irene H. Musser Family Trust (the "Trust") for recovery of sums received from one or more Receivership Entities in excess of investment ("false profits") on the basis of the Settlement Agreement attached as Exhibit A.

MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT

The Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission" or "SEC") instituted this action to "halt [an] ongoing fraud, maintain the status quo, and preserve investor assets. .

. .” (Dkt. 1, Compl., ¶ 7.) Burton W. Wiand was appointed by this Court as the Receiver for Defendants Scoop Capital, LLC and Scoop Management, Inc. and all Relief Defendants by Order Appointing Receiver (Dkt. 8) entered January 21, 2009.¹

Pursuant to the Order Appointing Receiver (Dkt. 8), the Receiver has the duty and authority to:

2. Investigate the manner in which the affairs of the Defendants and Relief Defendants were conducted and institute such actions and legal proceedings, for the benefit and on behalf of the Defendants and Relief Defendants and their investors and other creditors as the Receiver deems necessary . . . against any transfers of money or other proceeds directly or indirectly traceable from investors in the Defendants or Relief Defendants; provided such actions may include, but not be limited to, seeking imposition of constructive trusts, disgorgement or profits, recovery and/or avoidance of fraudulent transfers under Florida Statute § 726.101, et. seq. or otherwise, rescission and restitution, the collection of debts, and such orders from this Court as may be necessary to enforce this Order.

Dkt. 8 at ¶ 2.

The Receiver’s investigation has revealed a number of investors who received “false profits” (returns greater than their investments) (“profiteers”) to the detriment of those investors who lost money as a result of their investment. The Receiver began recovery efforts by mailing letters to 81 domestic and three foreign profiteers, inquiring whether they agreed with the Receiver’s calculated amount of false profits and whether they would return the transfers voluntarily to expedite the process and to avoid litigation. The Receiver, with the approval of the Commission, believes it is appropriate to accept 90% of the amount

¹ The Receivership was expanded to include Venice Jet Center, LLC; Tradewind, LLC; Laurel Mountain Preserve, LLC; Laurel Preserve, LLC; the Marguerite J. Nadel Revocable Trust UAD 8/2/07 and the Laurel Mountain Preserve Homeowners Association, Inc.; The Guy-Nadel Foundation, Inc.; Lime Avenue Enterprises, LLC; and A Victorian Garden Florist, LLC by orders (Dkts. 17, 44, 68, and 79) entered January 27, 2009, February 11, 2009, March 9, 2009, and March 17, 2009 respectively.

claimed in consideration of payment before the commencement of litigation to recover the false profits.

One of the letters was sent to the Gary L. Musser and Irene H. Musser Family Trust, seeking recovery of \$213,968.26 in false profits, and, as shown by the attached Settlement Agreement, Gary L. Musser and Irene H. Musser, as Trustees of the Trust, subject to the approval of this Court, agreed to pay 90% (\$192,571.43) within 14 days of approval. By this motion, the Receiver seeks approval of this settlement.

The settlement reflected by the Settlement Agreement is in the best interests of the Receivership, the investors in the Receivership Entities, and the Trust, because resolution of the claim avoids protracted litigation, conserving Receivership assets and judicial resources, and avoids the cost of litigation to the Trust.

WHEREFORE, the Receiver moves the Court to approve the settlement reflected by the attached Settlement Agreement.

LOCAL RULE 3.01(g) CERTIFICATE OF COUNSEL

The undersigned counsel for the Receiver is authorized to represent to the Court that the SEC has no objection to the Court's granting this motion. The undersigned counsel is unable to contact Arthur Nadel, who is incarcerated in New York and is not represented by counsel in this action.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on May 5, 2009, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court by using the CM/ECF system. I further certify that I mailed the foregoing document and the notice of electronic filing by first-class mail to the following non-CM/ECF participants:

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