

**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.

RECEIVER'S MOTION TO APPROVE SETTLEMENT

Burton W. Wiand, as Receiver, moves the Court for an order approving settlement of a claim against John and Linda Evans 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 and Relief Defendants. (*See* Order Reappointing Receiver (Dkt. 140).) Additionally, the Receivership was expanded to include Venice Jet Center, LLC and Tradewind, LLC (Dkt. 17); 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. (Dkt. 44); The Guy-Nadel Foundation, Inc. (Dkt. 68); Lime Avenue Enterprises, LLC, and A Victorian Garden Florist, LLC (Dkt. 79); Viking Oil & Gas, LLC (Dkt. 153); and Home Front Homes, LLC (Dkt. 172) (collectively, the “Receivership Entities”).

Pursuant to the Order Reappointing Receiver (Dkt. 140), the Receiver has the duty and authority to:

2. Investigate the manner in which the affairs of the Receivership Entities were conducted and institute such actions and legal proceedings, for the benefit and on behalf of the Receivership Entities 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 Receivership Entities; 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. 140 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 numerous 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 claimed in consideration of payment before the commencement of litigation to recover the false profits.

One of the letters was sent to John and Linda Evans seeking recovery of \$80,000 in false profits. As shown by the attached Settlement Agreement, John and Linda Evans, subject to the approval of this Court, has agreed to pay 90% (\$72,000.00) to be paid within 14 days after approval of this settlement by the SEC Receivership Court. 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 John and Linda Evans, because resolution of the claim avoids protracted litigation, conserving Receivership assets and judicial resources, and avoids the cost of litigation to John and Linda Evans.

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.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on December 28, 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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