UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION,)))	
v.	Plaintiff,)))	Case No. 1:10-cv-06266
REX C. STEFFES, ET AL.)	Hon. Robert M. Dow, Jr
	Defendants.	,) _)	

CONSENT OF W. GARY GRIFFITHS

- 1. Defendant W. Gary Griffiths ("Defendant") acknowledges having been served with the complaint in this action, enters a general appearance, and admits the Court's jurisdiction over Defendant and over the subject matter of this action.
- 2. Without admitting or denying the allegations of the complaint (except as to personal and subject matter jurisdiction, which Defendant admits), Defendant hereby consents to the entry of the final Judgment in the form attached hereto as Exhibit 1 (the "Final Judgment") and incorporated by reference herein, which, among other things:
 - (a) permanently restrains and enjoins Defendant from violations of 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
 - (b) orders Defendant to pay a civil penalty in the amount of \$120,000 under Section 21A of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. §78u-1].
- 3. Defendant agrees that he shall not seek or accept, directly or indirectly, reimbursement or indemnification from any source, including but not limited to payment made

pursuant to any insurance policy, with regard to any civil penalty amounts that Defendant pays pursuant to the Final Judgment, regardless of whether such penalty amounts or any part thereof are added to a distribution fund or otherwise used for the benefit of investors. Defendant further agrees that he shall not claim, assert, or apply for a tax deduction or tax credit with regard to any federal, state, or local tax for any penalty amounts that Defendant pays pursuant to the Final Judgment, regardless of whether such penalty amounts or any part thereof are added to a distribution fund or otherwise used for the benefit of investors.

- 4. Defendant waives the entry of findings of fact and conclusions of law pursuant to Rule 52 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.
- 5. Defendant waives the right, if any, to a jury trial and to appeal from the entry of the Final Judgment.
- 6. Defendant enters into this Consent voluntarily and represents that no threats, offers, promises, or inducements of any kind have been made by the Commission or any member, officer, employee, agent, or representative of the Commission to induce Defendant to enter into this Consent.
- 7. Defendant agrees that this Consent shall be incorporated into the Final Judgment with the same force and effect as if fully set forth therein.
- 8. Defendant will not oppose the enforcement of the Final Judgment on the ground, if any exists, that it fails to comply with Rule 65(d) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and hereby waives any objection based thereon.
- 9. Defendant waives service of the Final Judgment and agrees that entry of the Final Judgment by the Court and filing with the Clerk of the Court will constitute notice to Defendant of its terms and conditions. Defendant further agrees to provide counsel for the Commission,

within thirty days after the Final Judgment is filed with the Clerk of the Court, with an affidavit or declaration stating that Defendant has received and read a copy of the Final Judgment.

- 10. Consistent with 17 C.F.R. §202.5(f), this Consent resolves only the claims asserted against Defendant in this civil proceeding. Defendant acknowledges that no promise or representation has been made by the Commission or any member, officer, employee, agent, or representative of the Commission with regard to any criminal liability that may have arisen or may arise from the facts underlying this action or immunity from any such criminal liability. Defendant waives any claim of Double Jeopardy based upon the settlement of this proceeding, including the imposition of any remedy or civil penalty herein. Defendant further acknowledges that the Court's entry of a permanent injunction may have collateral consequences under federal or state law and the rules and regulations of self-regulatory organizations, licensing boards, and other regulatory organizations. Such collateral consequences include, but are not limited to, a statutory disqualification with respect to membership or participation in, or association with a member of, a self-regulatory organization. This statutory disqualification has consequences that are separate from any sanction imposed in an administrative proceeding. In addition, in any disciplinary proceeding before the Commission based on the entry of the injunction in this action, Defendant understands that he shall not be permitted to contest the factual allegations of the complaint in this action.
- 11. Defendant understands and agrees to comply with the Commission's policy "not to permit a defendant or respondent to consent to a judgment or order that imposes a sanction while denying the allegation in the complaint or order for proceedings." 17 C.F.R. §202.5. In compliance with this policy, Defendant agrees: (i) not to take any action or to make or permit to be made any public statement denying, directly or indirectly, any allegation in the complaint or

creating the impression that the complaint is without factual basis; and (ii) that upon the filing of this Consent, Defendant hereby withdraws any papers filed in this action to the extent that they deny any allegation in the complaint. If Defendant breaches this agreement, the Commission may petition the Court to vacate the Final Judgment and restore this action to its active docket. Nothing in this paragraph affects Defendant's: (i) testimonial obligations; or (ii) right to take legal or factual positions in litigation or other legal proceedings in which the Commission is not a party.

- 12. Defendant hereby waives any rights under the Equal Access to Justice Act, the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996, or any other provision of law to seek from the United States, or any agency, or any official of the United States acting in his or her official capacity, directly or indirectly, reimbursement of attorney's fees or other fees, expenses, or costs expended by Defendant to defend against this action. For these purposes, Defendant agrees that Defendant is not the prevailing party in this action since the parties have reached a good faith settlement.
- proceeding or investigation commenced by the Commission or to which the Commission is a party, Defendant (i) agrees to appear and be interviewed by Commission staff at such times and places as the staff requests upon reasonable notice; (ii) will accept service by mail or facsimile transmission of notices or subpoenas issued by the Commission for documents or testimony at depositions, hearings, or trials, or in connection with any related investigation by Commission staff; (iii) appoints Defendant's undersigned attorney as agent to receive service of such notices and subpoenas; (iv) with respect to such notices and subpoenas, waives the territorial limits on service contained in Rule 45 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and any applicable local

rules, provided that the party requesting the testimony reimburses Defendant's travel, lodging, and subsistence expenses at the then-prevailing U.S. Government per diem rates; and (v) consents to personal jurisdiction over Defendant in any United States District Court for purposes of enforcing any such subpoena.

- 14. Defendant agrees that the Commission may present the Final Judgment to the Court for signature and entry without further notice.
- 15. Defendant agrees that this Court shall retain jurisdiction over this matter for the purpose of enforcing the terms of the Final Judgment.

Dated: 1-06.12

On <u>Gam. 6</u>, 20 12 <u>W. GARY 6 RIFF/TH5</u>, a person known to me, personally appeared before me and acknowledged executing the foregoing Consent.

LOURDES F. DANHOFF Commission # DD 897470 Expires September 8, 2013 Bonded Thru Troy Fain Insurance 800-365-7016

Notary Public

Commission expires:

Approved as to form

Thomas E. Bishop, Esq.

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Attorney for W. Gary Griffiths

EXHIBIT 1

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FINAL JUDGMENT AS TO W. GARY GRIFFITHS

The Securities and Exchange Commission having filed a Complaint and Defendant W.

Gary Griffiths having entered a general appearance; consented to the Court's jurisdiction over

Defendant and the subject matter of this action; consented to entry of this Final Judgment

without admitting or denying the allegations of the Complaint (except as to jurisdiction); waived

findings of fact and conclusions of law; and waived any right to appeal from this Final Judgment:

I.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Defendant and Defendant's agents, servants, employees, attorneys, and all persons in active concert or participation with them who receive actual notice of this Final Judgment by personal service or otherwise are permanently restrained and enjoined from violating, directly or indirectly, Section 10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act") [15 U.S.C. §78j(b)] and Rule 10b-5 promulgated thereunder [17 C.F.R. §240.10b-5], by using any means or instrumentality of interstate commerce, or of the mails, or of any facility of any national securities exchange, in connection with the purchase or sale of any security:

- (a) to employ any device, scheme, or artifice to defraud;
- (b) to make any untrue statement of a material fact or to omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements made, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; or
- (c) to engage in any act, practice, or course of business which operates or would operate as a fraud or deceit upon any person.

II.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Defendant shall pay a civil penalty in the amount of \$120,000 pursuant to Section 21A of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. §78u-1]. Defendant shall make this payment pursuant to the terms of the payment schedule set forth in paragraph III below by certified check, bank cashier's check, or United States postal money order payable to the Securities and Exchange Commission. All payments shall be delivered or mailed to the Office of Financial Management, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE, Stop 6042, Washington DC 20549, and shall be accompanied by a letter identifying W. Gary Griffiths as a defendant in this action; setting forth the title and civil action number of this action and the name of this Court; and specifying that payment is made pursuant to this Final Judgment. A copy of each letter should be sent to Robert Moye, Esq., Securities and Exchange Commission, 175 W. Jackson Blvd., Suite 900, Chicago IL 60604. Defendant shall pay post-judgment interest on any delinquent amounts pursuant to 28 U.S.C §1961. The Commission shall remit the funds paid pursuant to this paragraph to the United States Treasury.

W. Gary Griffiths shall pay \$120,000 in 4 installments according to the following schedule: (1) \$30,000 within 7 days of entry of this Final Judgment; (2) \$30,000 within 120 days of entry of this Final Judgment plus post-judgment interest pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1961; (3) \$30,000 within 240 days of entry of this Final Judgment plus post-judgment interest pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1961; and (4) \$30,000 within 360 days of entry of this Final Judgment plus post-judgment interest pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1961.

If W. Gary Griffiths fails to make any payment by the date agreed and/or in the amount agreed according to the schedule set forth above, all outstanding payments under this Final Judgment, including post-judgment interest, minus any payments made, shall become due and payable immediately without further application to the Court.

IV.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that the Consent is incorporated herein with the same force and effect as if fully set forth herein, and that Defendant shall comply with all of the undertakings and agreements set forth therein.

V.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that this Court shall retain jurisdiction of this matter for the purposes of enforcing the terms of this Final Judgment.

There being no just reason for delay, pursuant to Rule 54(b) of the Federal Rules of Civi
Procedure, the Clerk is ordered to enter this Final Judgment forthwith and without further notice
Dated:,
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE