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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE
COMMISSION,
Plaintiff,

v.
Civil Action No. 07-2419

COLLINS & AIKMAN CORPORATION, et al.,
DAVID A. STOCKMAN, J. MICHAEL STEPP,
GERALD E. JONES, DAVID R. COSGROVE,
ELKIN B. MCCALLUM, PAUL C. BARNABA,
JOHN G. GALANTE, CHRISTOPHER M.
WILLIAMS, and THOMAS V. GOUGHERTY,

Defendants.

FINAL JUDGMENT AS TO J. MICHAEL STEPP

The Securities and Exchange Commission having filed a Complaint and

Defendant J. Michael Stepp 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 FURTHER 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
Sections 17(a)(2) and (3) of the Securities Act of 1933 (the "Securities Act") [15 U.S.C. §

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77q(a)(2) and (3)] in the offer or sale of any security by the use of any means or instruments of transportation or communication in interstate commerce or by use of the mails, directly or indirectly:

- (a) to obtain money or property by means of any untrue statement of a material fact or any omission of a material fact necessary in order to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; or
- (b) to engage in any transaction, practice, or course of business which operates or would operate as a fraud or deceit upon the purchaser.

II.

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 Section 13(b)(5) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78(b)(5)] by knowingly circumventing or knowingly failing to implement a system of internal accounting controls or knowingly falsifying any book, record or account described in Section 13(b)(2) of the Exchange Act.

III.

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 Rule 13b2-1 of the Exchange Act [17 C.F.R. §240.13b2-1] by directly or indirectly falsifying, or

causing to be falsified, any book, record or account subject to Section 13(b)(2)(A) of the Exchange Act.

IV.

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 Rule 13b2-2 of the Exchange Act [17 C.F.R. §240.13b2-2] by directly or indirectly taking any action to mislead an independent public or certified public accountant engaged in an audit or review of the financial statements of an issuer if such statements are required to be filed with the Commission and the Defendant knew or should have known that such action, if successful, could result in rendering the issuer's financial statements materially misleading.

V.

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 Rule 13a-14 of the Exchange Act [17 C.F.R. §240.13a-14] by falsely certifying that financial statements and other financial information contained in a report filed with the Commission pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act fairly presents the filing company's financial condition, results of operations, and cash flows for the reporting period.

VI.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER 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 aiding and abetting any violation of Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78m(a)] and Rules 12b-20, 13a-1, 13a-11, and 13a-13 thereunder [17 C.F.R. §240.12b-20, §240.13a-1, and §240.13a-13] by knowingly providing substantial assistance to an issuer in failing to file with the Commission such accurate and complete information and documents as are required by the Commission pursuant to Section 13(a) and Rules 12b-20, 13a-1, 13a-11, and 13a-13.

VII.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER 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 aiding and abetting any violation of Sections 13(b)(2)(A) and (B) [15 U.S.C. §78(m)(b)(2)(A) and (b)] of the Exchange Act by knowingly providing substantial assistance to an issuer in failing to make or keep books, records, and accounts which, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the issuers, or in failing to devise and maintain a system of internal accounting controls sufficient to provide reasonable assurances that: (i) transactions are executed in accordance with management's general or specific authorization; (ii) transactions are recorded as

necessary to conform with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles or any other applicable criteria and to maintain accountability for assets; (iii) access to assets is permitted only in accordance with management's general or specific authorization, and (iv) the recorded accountability for assets is compared with the existing assets at reasonable intervals and appropriate action is taken with respect to any differences.

VIII.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Defendant shall pay a civil penalty in the amount of \$75,000 pursuant to Section 20(d) of the Securities Act and Section 21(d)(3) of the Exchange Act. Defendant shall make this payment within 14 days after entry of this Final Judgment by certified check, bank cashier's check, or United States postal money order payable to the Securities and Exchange Commission. The payment shall be delivered or mailed to the Office of Financial Management, Securities and Exchange Commission, Operations Center, 6432 General Green Way, Mail Stop 0-3, Alexandria, Virginia 22312, and shall be accompanied by a letter identifying J. Michael Stepp 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. Defendant shall pay post-judgment interest on any delinquent amounts pursuant to 28 USC § 1961. The Commission shall remit the funds paid pursuant to this paragraph to the United States Treasury.

IX.

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.

X.

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.

XI.

There being no just reason for delay, pursuant to Rule 54(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Clerk is ordered to enter this Final Judgment forthwith and without further notice.

Dated:

HIRA A SCHEINDLIN

United States District Judge