

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY**

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,

v.

CRAIG S. LAX,

Defendant.

Case No. 2:15-cv-01079

**JUDGMENT OF PERMANENT INJUNCTION
AND DISGORGEMENT AS TO DEFENDANT CRAIG S. LAX**

The Securities and Exchange Commission having filed a Complaint and Defendant Craig S. Lax 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 Judgment; waived findings of fact and conclusions of law; waived any right to appeal from this Judgment; and Defendant having admitted to the facts set forth in Annex A to the Consent of Craig S. Lax, and the Consent of Craig S. Lax and Annex A being hereby incorporated by reference with the same force and effect as if fully set forth herein:

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 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 HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Defendant is liable for disgorgement of \$702,795, representing profits gained as a result of the conduct alleged in the Complaint, together with prejudgment interest thereon in the amount of \$80,502. Defendant shall satisfy this obligation by paying \$783,297 to the Securities and Exchange Commission within 14 days after entry of this Judgment.

Defendant may transmit payment electronically to the Commission, which will provide detailed ACH transfer/Fedwire instructions upon request. Payment may also be made directly from a bank account via Pay.gov through the SEC website at <http://www.sec.gov/about/offices/ofm.htm>. Defendant may also pay by certified check, bank cashier's check, or United States postal money order payable to the Securities and Exchange Commission, which shall be delivered or mailed to

Enterprise Services Center
Accounts Receivable Branch
6500 South MacArthur Boulevard
Oklahoma City, OK 73169

and shall be accompanied by a letter identifying the case title, civil action number, and name of this Court; Craig S. Lax as a defendant in this action; and specifying that payment is made pursuant to this Judgment.

Defendant shall simultaneously transmit photocopies of evidence of payment and case identifying information to the Commission's counsel in this action. By making this payment, Defendant relinquishes all legal and equitable right, title, and interest in such funds and no part of the funds shall be returned to Defendant.

The Commission may enforce the Court's judgment for disgorgement and prejudgment interest by moving for civil contempt (and/or through other collection procedures authorized by law) at any time after 14 days following entry of this Judgment. Defendant shall pay post judgment interest on any delinquent amounts pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1961. The Commission shall hold the funds, together with any interest and income earned thereon, pending further order of the Court.

The Commission shall transfer the disgorgement and prejudgment interest paid by Defendant (the "Disgorgement Funds") into the Fair Fund created in *In the Matter of G-Trade Services LLC, ConvergEx Global Markets Limited, and ConvergEx Execution Solutions LLC*, Administrative Proceeding File No. 3-15654 (Dec. 18, 2013), to be distributed to harmed customers. If the Commission staff determines that the Disgorgement Funds will not be distributed, the Commission shall send the funds paid pursuant to this Judgment, together with any interest and income earned thereon, to the United States Treasury.

III.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that the Commission shall file a motion for entry of a Final Judgment, which shall incorporate this Judgment and order any civil monetary penalties to be paid by Defendant pursuant to Section 21(d) of the Exchange Act

[15 U.S.C. § 78u(d)]. In connection with the Commission's motion for civil penalties, and at any hearing held on such a motion: (a) Defendant will be precluded from arguing that he did not violate the federal securities laws as alleged in the Complaint; (b) Defendant may not challenge the validity of the Judgment, this Consent, or any related Undertakings; (c) the allegations of the Complaint, for the purposes of such motion, shall be accepted as and deemed true by the Court; and (d) the Court may determine the issues raised in the motion on the basis of affidavits, declarations, excerpts of sworn deposition or investigative testimony, and documentary evidence without regard to the standards for summary judgment contained in Rule 56(c) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Under these circumstances, the parties may take discovery, including discovery from appropriate non-parties.

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, for purposes of exceptions to discharge set forth in Section 523 of the Bankruptcy Code, 11 U.S.C. § 523, the allegations in the Complaint are true and admitted by Defendant, and further, any debt for disgorgement, prejudgment interest, civil penalty or other amounts due by Defendant under this Judgment or any other judgment, order, consent order, decree or settlement agreement entered in connection with this proceeding, is a debt for the violation by Defendant of the federal securities laws or any regulation or order issued under such laws, as set forth in Section 523(a)(19) of the Bankruptcy Code, 11 U.S.C. § 523(a)(19).

VI.

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 Judgment.

Dated: 11 March, 2015


UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE