UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS HOUSTON DIVISION

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Southern District of Texas
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Michael N. Milby, Clerk of Court

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,

ν.

CANADIAN IMPERIAL BANK OF COMMERCE, DANIEL FERGUSON, IAN SCHOTTLAENDER, MARK WOLF,

Defendants.

H 03-5785

Civil Action No.

FINAL JUDGMENT AGAINST DANIEL FERGUSON

Plaintiff Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"), having filed a Complaint in this action; and the Defendant Daniel Ferguson having waived service of process; having entered an appearance in this action; having consented to venue of this action only; having admitted jurisdiction of this Court over him in this action only and over the subject matter of this action only; having been fully advised and informed of his right to a judicial determination of this action; having waived the filing of an answer and the entry of findings of fact and conclusions of law as provided by Rule 52 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure; having waived any right he may have to appeal from the entry of this Final Judgment; having consented to the entry of this Final Judgment without admitting or denying any of the allegations in the Complaint, except as specifically set forth in the Consent and Undertaking of Daniel Ferguson ("Consent"); having also consented to personal jurisdiction for the purposes set forth in paragraph 9 of his Consent but having reserved his right to contest jurisdiction in an other action or proceeding in which he

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is named as a defendant or served with process; it appearing that no notice of hearing upon entry of this Final Judgment being necessary; and the Court being fully advised in the premises;

I.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Daniel Ferguson, his agents, servants, employees, and those persons in active concert or participation with any of them, who receive actual notice of this Final Judgment, by personal service or otherwise, and each of them, be and hereby are permanently restrained and enjoined from violating Section 10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act")[15 U.S.C. § 78j(b)] and Rule 10b-5 [17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5] promulgated thereunder, directly or indirectly, by, through the use of 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. employing any device, scheme, or artifice to defraud;
- B. making any untrue statement of a material fact or omitting 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
- engaging in any act, practice, or course of business which operates or would operate as a fraud or deceit upon any person.

11.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Daniel Ferguson, his agents, servants, employees, assigns, and all persons in active concert or participation with any of 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 13(a) of the

Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. 78m(a)] and Rules 12b-20, 13a-1, and 13a-13 promulgated thereunder [17 C.F.R. §§ 240.12b-20, 240.13a-1, & 240.13a-13] by filing or causing to be filed with the Commission any annual or quarterly report on behalf of any issuer required to be filed with the Commission pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78m(a)] and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, which contains any untrue statement of material fact, which omits to state any material fact necessary in order to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, or which omits to disclose any information required to be disclosed.

III.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Daniel Ferguson, his agents, servants, employees, assigns, and all persons in active concert or participation with any of 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 13(b)(2) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78m(b)(2)] by failing or causing the failure of any issuer having a class of securities registered pursuant to Section 12 of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 781] or is required to file reports pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 780(d)] to

- A. make and keep books, records, and accounts, which, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the issuer; or
- B. 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 (I) to permit preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles or any other criteria applicable to such statements, and (II) 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.

IV.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Daniel Ferguson, his agents, servants, employees, assigns, and all persons in active concert or participation with any of them, who receive actual notice of this Final Judgment, by personal service or otherwise, are permanently restrained and enjoined from violating, directly or indirectly, Rule 13b2-1 [17 C.F.R. § 240.13b2-1] promulgated under Section 13(b) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78m(b)] by falsifying, or causing to be falsified, any book, record, or account described in Section 13(b)(2)(A) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78m(b)(2)(A)].

V.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Daniel Ferguson, his agents, servants, employees, assigns, and all persons in active concert or participation with any of 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 13(b)(5) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78m(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 [15 U.S.C. § 78m(b)(2)].

VI.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that pursuant to Section 20(e) of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. § 77t(e)] and Section 21(d)(2) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78u(d)(2)], Mr. Ferguson is prohibited from acting as an officer or director of any issuer that has a class of securities registered pursuant to Section 12 of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 781] or that is required to file reports pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78o(d)] for a period of five years from entry of this Final Judgment.

VII.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Mr. Ferguson shall pay a total of \$563,000: \$265,000 representing disgorgement, prejudgment interest thereon in the amount of \$33,000, and a civil penalty of \$265,000 pursuant to Section 21(d) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78u(d)]. Mr. Ferguson shall make the payment within five business days of the filing of the Commission's Complaint in this action. With respect to funds deposited into the Registry of the Court pursuant to Mr. Ferguson's Consent prior to the date this Final Judgment was entered, this Court assumes continued jurisdiction and control of the funds. Mr. Ferguson relinquishes all legal and equitable right, title, and interest in the \$563,000 in funds, and no part of the funds shall be returned to Mr. Ferguson. The Clerk shall deposit the funds into an interest bearing account with the Court Registry Investment System ("CRIS"). These funds, together with any interest and income earned thereon (collectively, the "Fund"), shall be held by the CRIS until further order of the Court. In accordance with the guidelines set by the Director of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts, the Clerk is directed, without further order of this Court, to deduct from the income earned on

the money in the Fund a fee equal to ten percent of the income earned on the Fund. Such fee shall not exceed that authorized by the Judicial Conference of the United States. The Commission may by motion propose a plan to distribute the Fund subject to the Court's approval. Such a plan may provide that the Fund, including the portion designated as payment of the civil penalty, shall be distributed pursuant to the Fair Fund provisions of Section 308(a) of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

VIII.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that regardless of whether any such Fair Fund distribution is made, the amount ordered to be paid as a civil penalty pursuant to this Judgment shall be treated as penalties paid to the government for all purposes, including all tax purposes. To preserve the deterrent effect of the civil penalty, Mr. Ferguson shall not, in any Related Investor Action, benefit from any offset or reduction of any investor's claim by the amount of any Fair Fund distribution to such investor in this action that is proportionately attributable to the civil penalty paid by Mr. Ferguson ("Penalty Offset"). If the court in any Related Investor Action grants such an offset or reduction, Mr. Ferguson shall, within 30 days after entry of a final order granting the offset or reduction, notify the Commission's counsel in this action and pay the amount of the Penalty Offset to the United States Treasury or to a Fair Fund, as the Commission directs. Such a payment shall not be deemed an additional civil penalty and shall not be deemed to change the amount of the civil penalty imposed in this judgment. For purposes of this paragraph, a "Related Investor Action" means a private damages action brought against Mr. Ferguson by or on behalf of one or more investors based on substantially the same facts as alleged in the Complaint in this action.

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that the provisions of the

Consent are incorporated herein with the same force and effect as if fully set forth herein and that Mr. Ferguson shall comply with his Consent.

X.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that this Court shall retain jurisdiction over this action for the purpose of enforcing this Final Judgment.

DATED: _____, 2003

United States District Court

Judge Lynn N. Hughes

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE