# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS **SHERMAN DIVISION**

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION,	§
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Plaintiff,	<b>§ Case No.: 4:06cv311-MHS-DDB</b>
	<b>§</b>
vs.	<b>§</b>
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JAMES R. POWELL, RALPH MITCHELL,	<b>§</b>
MARK J. CORJAY, MICHAEL D. SCANNELL,	<b>§</b>
and E. SUZANNE GARRETT,	§
	§
Defendants.	<b>§</b>

# AGREED FINAL JUDGMENT AGAINST RALPH MITCHELL

The Securities and Exchange Commission having filed a Complaint and Defendant Ralph Mitchell ("Defendant") 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 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) or (3) of the Securities Act of 1933 ("Securities Act") [15 U.S.C. § 77q(a)(2) or (3)].

This judgment makes no findings of wrongdoing and defendant, without admitting or denying the allegations in the Commission's Complaint, consents to the entry of this judgment to settle this matter.

II.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Defendant and Defendant's agents, servants, employees, attorneys-in-fact, 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 violations of Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78m(a)] and Commission Rules 12b-20, 13a-1, 13a-11, and 13a-13 [17 C.F.R. §§ 240.12b-20, 240.13a-1, 240.13a-11, 240.13a-13], by knowingly providing substantial assistance to an issuer that

- (a) fails to file with the Commission:
  - (1) such information and documents as the Commission shall require to keep reasonably current the information and documents required to be included in or filed with an application or registration statement filed pursuant to section 12 of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. §781], and
  - (2) such annual reports, certified if required by the rules and regulations of the Commission by independent public accountants, and such quarterly reports, as the Commission may prescribe;
- fails to add such further material information, if any, as may be necessary to make (b) required statements in the light of the circumstances under which they are made not misleading, to that information expressly required to be included in a statement or report;
- fails to make in a timely fashion with the Commission annual reports as required (c) by Commission Rule 13a-1 [17 C.F.R. § 240.13a-1];
- fails to make in a timely fashion with the Commission reports on Form 8-K as (d) required by Commission Rule 13a-11 [17 C.F.R. § 240.13a-11]; or

(e) fails to make in a timely fashion with the Commission reports on Form 10-Q and 10-OSB as required by Commission Rule 13a-13 [17 C.F.R. § 240.13a-13].

III.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Defendant and Defendant's agents, servants, employees, attorneys-in-fact, 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 violations of Sections 13(b)(2)(A) and (B) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. §§ 78m(b)(2)(A) and (B)] by knowingly providing substantial assistance to an issuer that

- (a) fails to 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) fails to devise and maintain a system of internal accounting controls sufficient to provide reasonable assurances that
  - (1) transactions are executed in accordance with management's general or specific authorization;
  - (2) 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;
  - (3) access to assets is permitted only in accordance with management's general or specific authorization; and
  - (4) 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 HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that a claim for disgorgement of \$60,000 is hereby waived based on Defendant's sworn representations in his Statement of Financial Condition dated March 11, 2008, and other documents and information submitted to the Commission. The determination to waive payment of the disgorgement and pre-judgment interest is contingent upon the accuracy and completeness of Defendant's SEC v. James R. Powell, et al.

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Statement of Financial Condition. If at any time following the entry of this Final Judgment the Commission obtains information indicating that Defendant's representations to the Commission concerning his assets, income, liabilities, or net worth were fraudulent, misleading, inaccurate, or incomplete in any material respect as of the time such representations were made, the Commission may, at its sole discretion and without prior notice to Defendant, petition the Court for an order requiring Defendant to pay the unpaid portion of the disgorgement, pre-judgment and post-judgment interest thereon, and the maximum civil penalty allowable under the law. In connection with any such petition, the only issue shall be whether the financial information provided by Defendant was fraudulent, misleading, inaccurate, or incomplete in any material respect as of the time such representations were made. In its petition, the Commission may move this Court to consider all available remedies, including, but not limited to, ordering Defendant to pay funds or assets, directing the forfeiture of any assets, or sanctions for contempt of this Final Judgment. The Commission may also request additional discovery. Defendant may not, by way of defense to such petition: (1) challenge the validity of the Consent or this Final Judgment; (2) contest the allegations in the Complaint filed by the Commission; (3) assert that payment of disgorgement, pre-judgment and post-judgment interest or a civil penalty should not be ordered; (4) contest the amount of disgorgement and pre-judgment and post-judgment interest; (5) contest the imposition of the maximum civil penalty allowable under the law; or (6) assert any defense to liability or remedy, including, but not limited to, any statute of limitations defense.

V.

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.

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. SO ORDERED.

SIGNED this 14th day of July, 2008.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

# Approved as to Form:

## /s/ David B. Reece\_

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