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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,

V.

BARTHOLOMEW F. PALMISANO, JR.,

Defendant.

C.A. No. 08-905 1

FINAL JUDGMENT AS TO DEFENDANT BARTHOLOMEW F. PALMISANO, JR.

The Securities and Exchange Commission having filed a Complaint and Defendant Bartholomew F. Palmisano, Jr. 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 (insofar as they are acting as agents of the Defendant), 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 17(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 (the "Securities Act") [15 U.S.C. § 77q(a)] in the offer or sale of any security by the use of any means or instruments of

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transportation or communication in interstate commerce or by use of the mails, directly or indirectly:

- (a) to employ any device, scheme, or artifice to defraud;
- (b) 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
- (c) to engage in any transaction, practice, or course of business which operates or would operate as a fraud or deceit upon the purchaser.

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IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Defendant and Defendant's agents, servants, employees, attorneys (insofar as they are acting as agents of the Defendant), 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.

III.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Defendant and Defendant's agents, servants, employees, attorneys (insofar as they are acting as agents of the Defendant), 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 13(b)(5) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78m(b)(5)] and Rules 13b2-1 and 13b2-2 promulgated thereunder [17 C.F.R. §§ 240.13b2-1, 240.13b2-2], by:

- (a) knowingly falsifying any book, record or account required to be kept under Section 13(b)(2) of the Exchange Act;
- (b) making, or causing to be made, a materially false or misleading statement to an accountant in connection with:
 - an audit, review, or examination of the financial statements of an issuer required to be made under Section 13 of the Exchange Act; or
 - the preparation or filing of any document or report required to be filed
 with the Commission under Section 13 of the Exchange Act; or

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- (c) omitting to state, or causing another person to omit to state, any material fact necessary in order to make statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading to an accountant in connection with:
 - i. an audit, review, or examination of the financial statements of an issuer required to be made under Section 13 of the Exchange Act; or
 - ii. the preparation or filing of any document or report required to be filed with the Commission under Section 13 of the Exchange Act.

IV.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Defendant and Defendant's agents, servants, employees, attorneys (insofar as they are acting as agents of the Defendant), 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), 13(b)(2)(A) and 13(b)(2)(B) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. §§ 78m(a), 78m(b)(2)] and Rules 12b-20, 13a-1, 13a-11 and 13a-13 promulgated thereunder [17 C.F.R. §§ 240.12b-20, 240.13a-11, 240.13a-13] by knowingly providing substantial assistance to an issuer that:

- as to any quarterly report required by Section 13 of the Exchange Act, fails to file (a) a report with the Commission that conforms to generally accepted accounting principles;
- (b) fails 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

issuer;

- (c) fails to devise and maintain a system of internal accounting controls sufficient to provide reasonable assurances that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit the preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles;
- (d) as to any annual report required by Section 13 of the Exchange Act, fails to file a report with the Commission that conforms to generally accepted accounting principles; or
- (e) as to any statement or report required by Section 13 of the Exchange Act, fails to include such information as may be necessary to make the required statements, in light of the circumstances under which they are made, not misleading.

V.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that, pursuant to Section 21(d)(2) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78u(d)(2)] and Section 20(e) of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. § 77t(e)], Defendant is prohibited, for ten (10) years following the date of entry of this Final Judgment, 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. § 780(d)].

VI.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Defendant shall pay a civil penalty in the amount of \$100,000 pursuant to Section 20(d) of the Securities Act and

Section 21(d) of the Exchange Act. Defendant shall make this payment pursuant to the terms of the payment schedule set forth in paragraph VII. below 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 Bartholomew F. Palmisano, Jr. 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 U.S.C. § 1961. The Commission shall remit the funds paid pursuant to this paragraph to the United States Treasury.

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Bartholomew F. Palmisano, Jr. shall pay a total of \$101,046.71 in four (4) installments according to the following schedule: (1) \$25,000, within 5 days of entry of this Final Judgment; (2) \$25,000, within 90 days of entry of this Final Judgment plus post-judgment interest of \$523.36 pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1961; (3) \$25,000, within 180 days of entry of this Final Judgment plus post-judgment interest of \$348.90 pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1961; and (4) \$25,000, within 270 days of entry of this Final Judgment plus post-judgment interest of \$174.45 pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1961. If Bartholomew F. Palmisano, Jr. 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.

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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.

IX.

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.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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