

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,

v.

TAB KEPLINGER,

Defendant.

Case No. 1:09cv01906

**FINAL JUDGMENT AS TO DEFENDANT TAB KEPLINGER**

The Securities and Exchange Commission having filed a Complaint and Defendant Tab Keplinger 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, 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.

II.

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 Exchange Act Section 13(b)(5) [15 U.S.C. § 78m(b)(5)] and Rule 13b2-1 [17 C.F.R. § 240.13b2-1], directly or indirectly, by knowingly circumventing or knowingly failing to implement a system of internal accounting controls or knowingly falsifying or causing to be falsified any book, record, or account subject to Section 13(b)(2)(A) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78m(b)(2)(A)].

III.

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, directly or indirectly,

Exchange Rule 13a-14 [17 C.F.R. § 240.13a-14] by, as the chief executive officer or chief principal financial officer, providing false certifications required for certain reports filed pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78m(a)].

IV.

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 Exchange Rule 13b2-2 [17 C.F.R. § 240.13b2-2] by, directly or indirectly,

- (a) making or causing to be made a materially false or misleading statement, or 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) any audit, review or examination of the financial statements of an issuer, or (ii) the preparation or filing of any document or report required to be filed with the Commission;
- (b) taking action, or directing another to take action, to coerce, manipulate, mislead, or fraudulently influence any independent public or certified public accountant engaged in the performance of an audit or review of an issuer's financial statements required to be filed with the Commission, while knowing or while it should have been known that such action, if successful, could result in rendering the issuer's financial statements materially misleading.

V.

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 13a-1 and 13-13 [17 C.F.R. §§ 240.13a-1, 240.13a-13] promulgated thereunder, directly or indirectly, by knowingly providing substantial assistance to an issuer that files or causes to be filed with the Commission any annual or quarterly report required to be filed with the Commission pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, which contains any untrue statement of material fact or which omits to disclose any information required to be disclosed.

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(b)(2)(A) or Section 13(b)(2)(B) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. §§ 78m(b)(2)(A) and 78m(b)(2)(B)], directly or indirectly, by knowingly providing substantial assistance to an issuer having securities registered pursuant to Section 12 of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78l], or any issuer which is required to file reports pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. §78o(d)], by:

- (a) failing 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) 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 (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.

## 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 206(1) and 206(2) of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 ("Advisers Act") [15 U.S.C.

§§ 80b-6(1) and 80b-6(2)], directly or indirectly, by knowingly providing substantial assistance to an investment adviser that, by use of the mails or any means or instrumentality of interstate commerce, directly or indirectly:

- (a) employs any device, scheme, or artifice to defraud any client or prospective client;
- (b) engages in any transaction, practice, or course of business which operates as a fraud or deceit upon any client or prospective client.

VIII.

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)], Defendant is prohibited for five (5) 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. § 78l] or that is required to file reports pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78o(d)].

IX.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Defendant shall pay a civil penalty in the amount of \$50,000 pursuant to Exchange Act Section 21(d) and Advisers Act Section 209(e). Defendant shall make this payment pursuant to the terms of the payment schedule set forth in paragraph XI 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 Keplinger 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.

X.

Defendant Keplinger shall pay \$50,000 in four (4) installments according to the following schedule: (1) \$12,500, within fourteen (14) days of entry of this Final Judgment plus post-judgment interest pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1961; (2) an additional \$12,500 (for a total of \$25,000) within four (4) months of entry of this Final Judgment plus post-judgment interest pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1961; (3) an additional \$12,500 (for a total of \$37,500) within eight (8) months of entry of this Final Judgment plus post-judgment interest pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1961; and (4) an additional \$12,500 (for a total of \$50,000) within twelve (12) months of entry of this Final Judgment plus post-judgment interest pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1961.

If Defendant 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.

XI.

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.

XII.

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.

XIII.

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: September 9, 2009

s/ James S. Gwin  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE