

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
DALLAS DIVISION

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE	)	
COMMISSION,	)	
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	
	)	
VS.	)	CIVIL ACTION NO.
	)	
ADAM MATTHEW ROOT,	)	3:20-CV-0726-G
	)	
Defendant.	)	
	)	

**FINAL JUDGMENT AS TO DEFENDANT ADAM MATTHEW ROOT**

The Securities and Exchange Commission having filed a Complaint and Defendant Adam Matthew Root (“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 and except as otherwise provided herein in paragraph VII); 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 is permanently restrained and enjoined from violating Sections 17(a)(1) and 17(a)(3)

of the Securities Act of 1933 (the “Securities Act”) [15 U.S.C. §§ 77q(a)(1) and (3)] in the offer or sale of any security by the use of any means or instruments of transportation or communication in interstate commerce or by use of the mails, directly or indirectly:

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

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED** that, as provided in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 65(d)(2), the foregoing paragraph also binds the following who receive actual notice of this Final Judgment by personal service or otherwise: (a) Defendant’s officers, agents, servants, employees, and attorneys; and (b) other persons in active concert or participation with Defendant or with anyone described in (a).

II.

**IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED** that Defendant, for ten years following entry of this Final Judgment, is restrained and enjoined from directly or indirectly, including but not limited to, through any entity Defendant owns or controls, engaging in any activity for the purpose of inducing or attempting to induce the purchase or sale of any security, causing any person or

entity to engage in any activity for the purpose of inducing or attempting to induce the purchase or sale of any security, or deriving compensation from any activity engaged in for the purpose of inducing or attempting to induce the purchase or sale of any security, provided, however, that such injunction shall not prevent Defendant from purchasing or selling securities for an account that is in Defendant's own name.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED** that, as provided in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 65(d)(2), the foregoing paragraph also binds the following who receive actual notice of this Final Judgment by personal service or otherwise: (a) Defendant's officers, agents, servants, employees, and attorneys; and (b) other persons in active concert or participation with Defendant or with anyone described in (a).

III.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED** that, pursuant to Section 20(e) of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. § 77t(e)], Defendant is prohibited, for ten years following 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)].

IV.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED** that Defendant shall pay a civil penalty in the amount of \$10,000.00 to the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Section 20(d) of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. § 77t(d)]. Defendant shall make this payment pursuant to the terms of the payment schedule set forth in paragraph V below after entry of this Final 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; Adam Matthew Root as a defendant in this action; and specifying that payment is made pursuant to this Final 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 shall send the funds paid pursuant to this Final Judgment to the United States Treasury. Defendant shall pay post-judgment interest on any delinquent amounts pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1961.

V.

Adam Matthew Root shall pay the total penalty due of \$10,000.00 in quarterly installments to the Commission according to the following schedule: (1) \$2,500.00, within 10 days of entry of this Final Judgment; (2) \$2,500.00, within 120 days of entry of this Final Judgment; (3) \$2,500.00, within 240 days of entry of this Final Judgment; and (4) a final payment of approximately \$2,500.00 plus any accrued interest, within one year of entry of this Final Judgment. Payments shall be deemed made on the date they are received by the Commission and shall be applied first to post judgment interest, which accrues pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1961 on any unpaid amounts due after 30 days of the entry of Final Judgment. Prior to making the final payment set forth herein, Adam Matthew Root shall contact the staff of the Commission for the amount due for the final payment.

If Adam Matthew Root 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 at the discretion of the staff of the Commission without further application to the Court.

VI.

**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.

VII.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED** that, solely 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 Final 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).

VIII.

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.

March 30, 2020.

  
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A. JOE FISH  
Senior United States District Judge