

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Before the
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS RULINGS

Release No. 4849/June 2, 2017

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING

File No. 3-17941

In the Matter of	:	
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AXESSTEL, INC.	:	ORDER

The Securities and Exchange Commission instituted this proceeding with an Order Instituting Proceedings (OIP), pursuant to Section 12(j) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Exchange Act), on April 24, 2017. The OIP alleges that Respondent is a corporation with a class of securities registered with the Commission pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Exchange Act and has repeatedly failed to file required periodic reports. The Division of Enforcement is seeking to revoke the registration of Respondent's securities.

The OIP provides that Respondent's Answer is due within ten days of service of the OIP on it. *See* OIP at 2; 17 C.F.R. § 201.220(b). Respondent was served with the OIP on May 1, 2017, by USPS Express Mail delivery at "the most recent address shown on [its] most recent filing with the Commission." 17 C.F.R. § 201.141(a)(2)(ii). Respondent failed to file an Answer and was ordered to show cause why it should not be deemed to be in default and the registration of its securities revoked. *Axesstel, Inc.*, Admin. Proc. Rulings Release No. 4803, 2017 SEC LEXIS 1434 (A.L.J. May 17, 2017) (OSC). Through counsel, Respondent has now submitted its Response, dated May 31, 2017, to the OSC. The Response cites ongoing financial hardship for Respondent's inability to file periodic reports.

The Response will be accepted as an Answer to the OIP and as a notice of appearance, pursuant to 17 C.F.R. § 201.102(d)(2), of John P. Stigi III, Esq., of Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP, 1901 Avenue of the Stars, 16th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90067.¹

Pursuant to 17 C.F.R. § 201.250(b), the Division may file a motion for summary disposition by June 16, 2017. Respondent may file an opposition by June 23, 2017, and the Division may file a reply by June 30, 2017.

/s/ Carol Fox Foelak _____
Carol Fox Foelak
Administrative Law Judge

¹ This Order and, going forward, all filings and correspondence will be served on Mr. Stigi.