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| 16 | SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE | | |
| 17 | COMMISSION, | Case No. 3:17-cv-3128 | |
| 18 | Plaintiff, | COMPLAINT | |
| 19 | v. | JURY TRIAL DEMANDED | |
| 20 | ADESH KUMAR TYAGI, | | |
| 21 | Defendant. | | |
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| 24 | Plaintiff Securities and Exchange Comm | ission (the "Commission") alleges as follows: | |
| 25 | SUMMARY OF THE ACTION | | |
| 26 | 1. The Commission brings this civil enforcement action against Adesh Kumar Tyag | | |
| 27 | ("Tyagi" or "Defendant"), a convicted felon, w | ho engaged in a fraudulent scheme to inflate the | |
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share price of Systems America, Inc. ("Systems America" or "the Company") — a penny stock
 company of which he was the sole officer, sole director, and majority shareholder. Between June
 2010 and July 2012, Tyagi violated the antifraud provisions of the federal securities laws by:

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- Making materially false and misleading statements about Systems America in disclosures that he published directly to investors on www.OTCMarkets.com;
- Omitting material facts about Systems America from the OTC Markets disclosures that were necessary to prevent the disclosures from being misleading;
- Making materially false and misleading statements about Systems America in press releases that he disseminated or caused to be disseminated to PR Newswire for circulation to the investing public;
 - Omitting material facts about Systems America from the press releases that were necessary to prevent the press releases from being misleading;
- Engaging in manipulative trading in his brokerage accounts, including
 "marking the close" trading at or near the close of the market in an attempt to influence the price of Systems America stock; and
 - Engaging in manipulative trading in his brokerage accounts, including uneconomic buying of small quantities of Systems America stock during the trading day for the purpose of driving up the security's price and trading volume.

2. In addition to violating the antifraud provisions of the federal securities laws, Tyagi also violated the beneficial ownership reporting requirements. Specifically,

- Tyagi failed to file with the Commission a Schedule 13D Beneficial Ownership Report when he acquired beneficial ownership of more than 5% of Systems America;
- Tyagi failed to file with the Commission Form 3 Initial Statements of
 Beneficial Ownership of Securities when he acquired beneficial ownership of

1 more than 10% of Systems America and when he became an officer and 2 director of the Company; and Tyagi failed to file with the Commission Form 4 and Form 5 Statements of 3 Changes in Beneficial Ownership when he bought and sold shares of Systems 4 America. 5 3. By making false statements and engaging in the transactions, acts, practices, and 6 7 courses of business alleged in this Complaint, Tyagi directly violated: § 17(a) of the Securities 8 Act of 1933 ("the Securities Act") [15 U.S.C. § 77q(a)]; § 10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act 9 of 1934 ("the Exchange Act") and Rule 10b-5 thereunder [15 U.S.C. § 78j(b) and 17 C.F.R. § 10 240.10b-5]; § 13(d) of the Exchange Act and Rule 13d-1 thereunder [15 U.S.C. § 78m(d) and 17 C.F.R. § 240.13d-1]; and § 16(a) of the Exchange Act and Rule 16a-3 thereunder [15 U.S.C. § 11 12 78p(a) and 17 C.F.R. § 240.16a-3]. Tyagi also is secondarily liable — as an aider and abettor pursuant to § 20(e) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78t(e)] and as a control person pursuant to 13 § 20(a) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78t(a)] — for Systems America's primary violations 14 of § 10(b) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78j(b)] and Rule 10b-5(b) thereunder [17 CFR § 15 240.10b-5(b)]. 16 4. Unless this Court enjoins Tyagi, he will continue to engage in fraudulent conduct 17 similar to that alleged in this Complaint. 18 5. 19 The Commission thus seeks the following relief against Tyagi: 20 An injunction permanently restraining Tyagi from committing future 21 violations of the federal securities laws; An injunction permanently enjoining Tyagi from, directly or indirectly, 22 23 including, but not limited to, through an entity owned or controlled by Tyagi, 24 participating in the issuance, purchase, offer, or sale of any security of an 25 entity of which he is an officer, director, owner, direct or indirect, of 10% or more of the issued and outstanding securities, or control person; 26 27

| 1 | • An order requiring Tyagi to disgorge \$274,610.43 in ill-gotten gains, plus |
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| 2 | prejudgment interest; |
| 3 | • An order imposing civil money penalties on Tyagi; |
| 4 | • An order barring Tyagi from serving as an officer or director of any public |
| 5 | company; |
| 6 | • An order permanently barring Tyagi from participating in any future penny |
| 7 | stock offerings; and |
| 8 | • Any other relief consistent with the evidence adduced at the trial of this case |
| 9 | and applicable law. |
| 10 | JURISDICTION, VENUE, AND INTRADISTRICT ASSIGNMENT |
| 11 | 6. The Court has jurisdiction over this action pursuant to §§ 20(b), 20(d), and 22(a) |
| 12 | of the Securities Act and §§ 21(d), 21(e), and 27(a) of the Exchange Act. [15 U.S.C. §§ 77t(b), |
| 13 | 77t(d), 77v(a), 78u(d), 78u(e), and 78aa(a)]. The Commission alleges that Defendant, directly |
| 14 | and indirectly, made use of the mails, the means and instruments of transportation and |
| 15 | communication in interstate commerce, and the means and instrumentalities of interstate |
| 16 | commerce in connection with the transactions, acts, practices, and courses of business alleged in |
| 17 | this Complaint. |
| 18 | 7. Venue is proper in this district pursuant to § 22(a) of the Securities Act and § 27 |
| 19 | of the Exchange Act. [15 U.S.C. §§ 77v(a), 78aa]. Defendant is found, inhabits, or transacts |
| 20 | business in this District, and certain of the acts, practices, courses of conduct, and transactions |
| 21 | constituting violations of the federal securities laws occurred in this District. |
| 22 | 8. Pursuant to Civil Local Rule 3-2, this action may be properly assigned to the San |
| 23 | Francisco Division because the action arose in the counties of Contra Costa and San Francisco. |
| 24 | GLOSSARY OF TERMS USED IN THE COMPLAINT |
| 25 | 9. A reverse merger is a transaction in which an existing public shell company |
| 26 | acquires a private operating company—usually one that is seeking access to funding in the U.S. |
| 27 | capital markets. Typically, the shareholders of the private operating company exchange their |
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1 shares for a large majority of the shares of the public shell company. Although the public shell 2 company survives the merger, the private operating company's shareholders gain a controlling interest in the voting power and outstanding shares of stock of the public shell company. Also 3 typically, the private operating company's management takes over the board of directors and 4 5 management of the public shell company. The assets and business operations of the post-merger public company are primarily, if not solely, those of the private operating company. A private 6 7 operating company may pursue a reverse merger in order to facilitate its access to the capital markets, including the liquidity that comes with having its stock or the stock of its publicly 8 traded holding company quoted on a market or listed on an exchange. Private operating 9 companies generally have access only to private forms of equity, while public companies 10 potentially have access to funding from a broader pool of public investors. A reverse merger 11 12 often is perceived to be a quicker and cheaper method of "going public" than an initial public 13 offering.

14 10. A penny stock is a security issued by a small company that generally trades at less
15 than \$5 per share. Penny stocks generally are quoted over-the-counter, on trading platforms such
16 as OTC Link. Penny stocks may trade infrequently, which means their owners may have
17 difficulty selling them.

18 11. A buy limit order is an order to purchase a security at or below a certain price.
19 Instead of paying market price for the security, the buyer sets the price that he or she is willing to
20 pay for a certain number of shares. The buyer is guaranteed to pay that price or less because the
21 order is executed only when a seller's price matches the amount set by the buyer. If the specified
22 price is never met, the order is not filled.

12. A sell limit order is an order to sell a security at or above a certain price. Instead
of taking market price for a security, the seller sets the price at which he or she is willing to sell a
certain number of shares. The seller is guaranteed to sell at or above the specified price because
the order is executed only when a buyer matches the seller's price. If the specified price is never
matched, the order is not filled.

13. "Marking the close" is the practice of trading at or near the close of the market in an attempt to influence the price of a security.

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THE DEFENDANT

14. Tyagi, age 49, resides in Danville, California. Tyagi was the Chief Executive Officer, President, Secretary, sole Director, and majority shareholder of Systems America. He also served as the Company's interim Chief Financial Officer in 2011 and 2012. From 1996 6 through at least July 2012, the Defendant also served as Chairman, CEO, and President of a privately held Delaware corporation that also was named Systems America, Inc. ("Systems America DE").

15. 10 On November 9, 2016, in connection with the some of the manipulative trading alleged herein, the Defendant pled guilty to one count of securities fraud in violation of 15 11 U.S.C. §§ 78j and 78ff and 17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5. United States v. Adesh Kumar Tyagi, 8:16-12 13 cr-00115-JVS (C.D. Cal.). Tyagi currently is awaiting sentencing in his criminal securities fraud 14 case.

15 16. Tyagi has a prior conviction in California for grand theft. The People of the State of California vs. Adesh Kumar Tyagi, CC937464 (Superior Court of California, County of Santa 16 Clara) (May 19, 2009). 17

18 17. Tyagi also was charged by the State of Nevada with using a bad check to obtain credit from a casino. The State of Nevada v. Adesh Kumar Tyagi, 09F16115X (Justice Court, 19 20 Las Vegas Township, Clark County, Nevada) (August 6, 2009). The criminal charges were 21 dismissed in connection with a civil settlement between Tyagi and the casino.

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18. Systems America was originally incorporated in 1984 in Canada under the name 23 133166 Canada, Inc. 133166 Canada, Inc. changed its name to Receptagen, Ltd. on July 12, 24 25 1993 and reincorporated in Florida in October 2001 as Receptagen, Inc. The Company changed its name three more times: to Spantel Communications, Inc. in October 2001; to Systems 26 27 America, Inc. in or about February 2010; and to Cloudeeva, Inc. in 2013.

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1 19. Tyagi became involved with the Company in 2010 at or around the time that it 2 changed its name from Spantel Communications to Systems America, Inc. The name was changed because Tyagi was reverse merging his privately-held Systems America DE into the 3 Company. In the reverse merger, Systems America DE's ownership passed from Tyagi to the 4 5 Company with Systems America DE becoming a wholly owned subsidiary of Systems America. Tyagi was the Chairman, CEO, and President of Systems America DE and the CEO, President, 6 and Secretary of Systems America. He also was the Systems America's sole Director and 7 8 majority shareholder.

9 20. Systems America's common stock originally was registered with the Commission 10 in 1994 pursuant to Exchange Act § 12(g) [15 U.S.C. § 78l(g)]. The securities were registered under the name Receptagen, Ltd. In December 2009, when the Company was called Spantel 11 12 Communications, Inc., the Company attempted to deregister its securities by filing a Form 15 with the Commission. The stock was ineligible for deregistration, however, because the 13 Company exceeded the maximum number of shareholders of record allowed by Exchange Act 14 Rule 12g-4 [17 C.F.R. § 240.12g-4] for deregistration via a Form 15. The Company — first as 15 Spantel Communications and then as Systems America and Cloudeeva, Inc. — failed to file any 16 periodic report for any period after June 30, 2006. As a result, the Commission deregistered the 17 Company's securities pursuant to Exchange Act §12(j) [15 U.S.C. § 781]. The Company, which 18 was then called Cloudeeva, Inc., consented to the deregistration, which became effective on July 19 20 16, 2014.

21 21. Before the deregistration, Systems America's common stock was quoted on OTC
22 Link, which is operated by OTC Markets, Inc. ("OTC Markets"). Systems America was quoted
23 under the symbols "SMAR" and "SYAI." Systems America was a penny stock.

24 22. On July 21, 2014, the Company — then named Cloudeeva, Inc. — and its
25 subsidiary, Systems America DE, filed voluntary Chapter 11 petitions in the United States
26 Bankruptcy Court for the District of New Jersey. The bankruptcy proceedings subsequently
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were consolidated and converted to a Chapter 7 proceeding, which remains pending. *See In Re: Cloudeeva, Inc.*, Case No. 14-24874 (KCF) (D.N.J. Bankruptcy).

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FACTS

22. Tyagi operated his privately held Systems America DE as an information technology service company from at least 1994 through the mid-2000s.

6 23. Systems America DE purportedly provided services to Fortune 500 clients and
7 had operations in India as well as the United States.

8 24. In 2005, however, Tyagi stopped "pay[ing] any attention . . . [to] this business at
9 all."

25. Systems America DE's revenues plummeted. According to Tyagi, Systems
America DE's revenue declined from \$18.5 million in 1999, to \$1.1 million in 2006, \$920,000 in
2007, \$500,000 in 2008, and \$100,000 in the first three months of its 2009 fiscal year. The
business essentially went dormant.

14 26. In or about August 2009, Tyagi took a job at Aero Financial ("Aero"), a Nevada
15 corporation headquartered in San Diego, California. Aero facilitated reverse mergers between
16 private companies and publicly traded shell companies. Aero also provided promotional and
17 growth-support services to development-stage companies.

18 27. Observing how Aero's principal, James Price, was able to reverse merge private 19 companies into publicly traded shells and thereby gain access to the securities markets, Tyagi 20 decided to resuscitate Systems America DE. Tyagi informed Price that Tyagi was "reviving 21 [Systems America DE] so that we can reverse merge it as a public company and we can use 22 stock to acquire companies."

23 28. With Aero's assistance, Tyagi reverse merged Systems America DE into a
24 publicly traded shell — the former Spantel Communications, Inc. — in June 2010.

25 29. Tyagi was the sole officer, sole director, and sole employee of the merged entity.
26 Two individuals joined the Company as independent contractors in early September 2010. Later
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that month, the Company hired one full-time employee. Two full-time employees were added in October 2010.

30. Tyagi sought to reinvent Systems America as a provider of cloud computing support services. His game plan was to grow the Company through acquisitions.

31. Lacking cash, however, he engaged in a fraudulent scheme to artificially inflate the per-share price of the Company's securities so that he could use Systems America stock to acquire other companies. He also sold Systems America stock at artificially inflated prices to generate cash to pay the Company's operating expenses and certain of his personal expenses.

I. Tyagi Made Materially False and Misleading Statements About Systems America In Disclosures Published On www.OTCMarkets.com and Omitted Material Facts Necessary to Make the Disclosures Not Misleading

32. Tyagi made materially false and misleading statements about Systems America in three separate disclosures published about the Company on OTC Disclosure and News Service: (1) the Initial Company Information and Disclosure Statement ("Initial Disclosure"); (2) the Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2010 and Updated Information and Disclosure Statement (the "2010 Annual Report"); and (3) the Annual Report for Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2011 (the "2011 Annual Report") (collectively, "Disclosures"). From these Disclosures, Tyagi also omitted material facts about Systems America necessary to make the Disclosures not misleading.

33. The materially false and misleading statements and the material omissions in the Disclosures concerned Tyagi's criminal history, how many customers Systems America had and who they were, and how many employees worked for the Company.

34. Tyagi published each of the Disclosures directly to the investing public on www.OTCMarkets.com.

35. Tyagi drafted the Disclosures and had ultimate authority over the content of the Disclosures, including the materially false and misleading statements and the material omissions.

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1 36. Tyagi also had ultimate authority over whether and how to communicate the 2 Disclosures that included the materially false and misleading statements and the material omissions; he made the decision to publish the Disclosures to the investing public through OTC 3 Disclosure and News Service. 4

37. Tyagi knew, or was reckless or negligent in not knowing, that the statements in the Disclosures were materially false and misleading and that the omissions were material. 6

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A. OTC Disclosure and News Service

38. OTC Disclosure and News Service was an online portal that allowed issuers with securities quoted on OTC Markets to publish online financials, news, and other company-related information. The information published by the companies was directly available to investors on www.OTCMarkets.com.

12 39. OTC Disclosure and News Service was a subscription service; only issuers who paid OTC Markets an annual fee were permitted to publish their company information to 13 investors on www.OTCMarkets.com. 14

40. OTC Markets developed "information tiers" to help investors evaluate the quality 15 of the company information that subscribing issuers published through OTC Disclosure and 16 News Service. 17

18 41. OTC Markets ranked issuers into three tiers based on the type, quantity, and timeliness of their disclosures. The top tier was "Current Information;" the second tier was 19 20 "Limited Information;" and the third tier was "No Information."

42. Each information tier was associated with a different level of perceived 21 investment risk. OTC Markets assumed that issuers in the "Current Information" tier carried the 22 23 lowest level of risk for investors, whereas issuers in the "No Information" tier carried the highest level of risk. 24

25 43. OTC Markets communicated its assessment of investment risk by attaching a risk symbol to each tier. Issuers in the "Current Information" tier were marked with a green check 26 mark to reflect their perceived low level of risk to investors. 27 Issuers in the "Limited

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1 Information" tier were marked with a yellow yield sign to convey to investors that they should use caution when investing in the issuers. Issuers in the "No Information" tier were marked with 2 a red stop sign to make investors hesitant about investing in the issuers. OTC Markets intended 3 to make it difficult for issuers in the "No Information" tier to trade. 4

44. In addition to ranking issuers in the three information tiers, OTC Markets labeled 5 some issuers as "Caveat Emptor." This was an express warning attached to an issuer when OTC 6 Markets believed there was a public interest concern associated with the issuer, such as a stock promotion campaign that was influencing the security's price or significant corporate actions being undertaken without much disclosure. OTC Markets marked "Caveat Emptor" issuers with skulls-and-crossbones. Being marked "Caveat Emptor" negatively impacted a security's trading.

45. Issuers sought to avoid designation as "Caveat Emptor" and qualify for the 11 highest possible information tier. 12

13 46. To help issuers make the disclosures necessary to move the issuers' securities up the information tiers, OTC Disclosure and News Service provided written guidance about what 14 information an issuer must disclose to qualify for the "Current Information" tier. 15

47. The written guidance was published in a publicly available document entitled, The 16 Alternative Reporting Standard: Guidelines for Providing Adequate Current Information ("the 17 18 Guidelines").

48. The Guidelines instructed that "[c]urrent and potential investors in the issuer's 19 securities should be provided with all 'material' information — the information available to the 20 issuer necessary for the investor to make a sound investment decision." 21

The Guidelines explained that "[t]he disclosure should enable an investor of 49. 22 23 ordinary intelligence and investment skills to understand the issuer's business and prospects."

50. The Guidelines required issuers to file an Initial Disclosure Statement, as well as 24 "Current Updates," "Quarterly Updates," and "Annual Updates" "to reflect new developments 25 after the publication of the initial issuer disclosure statement."

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51. The *Guidelines* detailed specific information that must be disclosed because OTC
 Markets deemed the information necessary for an investor of ordinary intelligence and
 investment skills to make a sound investment decision.

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52. Among other things, the *Guidelines* required issuers to identify their officers, directors, and control persons, as well as disclose whether, in the last five years, they had "been the subject of: . . . [a] conviction in a criminal proceeding or named as a defendant in a pending criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations and other minor offenses)."

8 53. The *Guidelines* also required issuers to disclose their total number of employees
9 and how many of the employees worked full-time.

10 54. The *Guidelines* also required issuers to disclose the nature of the products and 11 services they offered, including the markets for their principal products and services and whether 12 the issuer was dependent on only one or a few customers.

13 55. Pursuant to the *Guidelines*, each disclosure published on www.OTCMarkets.com 14 had to be certified by the company's chief executive officer and chief financial officer or their 15 equivalents. The certification required the certifying officer to state that "based on [his or her] 16 knowledge, this disclosure statement does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or 17 omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances 18 under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by 19 this disclosure statement."

B. Tyagi Subscribed To OTC Disclosure and News Service

21 56. Tyagi subscribed Systems America to OTC Disclosure and News Service on July
22 1, 2010.

23 57. He signed the subscription application as Systems America's President and Chief
24 Executive Officer.

25 58. OTC Markets provided Tyagi with login credentials for OTC Disclosure and
26 News Service, including a user name, password, and digital token. Tyagi received the only set of
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1 login credentials for Systems America, and by his agreement with OTC Disclosure and News 2 Service, he was prohibited from sharing his login credentials with anyone.

59. When Tyagi subscribed Systems America to OTC Disclosure and News Service, the Company was designated "Caveat Emptor" and marked with a skull-and-crossbones.

60. 5 Tyagi contacted OTC Disclosure and News Service to inquire about how to take Systems America out of the "Caveat Emptor" category. 6

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In response, OTC Markets provided Tyagi with the Guidelines.

C. Tyagi Published An Initial Disclosure Containing Materially False and Misleading **Statements and Omissions of Material Facts**

62. 10 On July 2, 2010, Tyagi published the Initial Disclosure on behalf of Systems America on www.OTCMarkets.com.

12 63. He certified that, based on his knowledge, the "disclosure statement [did] not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by [the] disclosure statement."

64. Despite Tyagi's certification, the Initial Disclosure contained materially false and 16 17 misleading statements and omitted information which made other statements in the Initial 18 Disclosure materially misleading.

65. The Initial Disclosure falsely stated, in its "Legal/Disciplinary History" section, 19 20 that "Mr. Tyagi is not a party to any material litigation."

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66. In truth, Tyagi was, at that time, a defendant in two pending criminal proceedings:

- In California, Tyagi had been charged with felony grand theft for embezzling \$4,800,000 from an elderly real estate investor; and
- In Nevada, Tyagi had been charged with using a bad check to procure • \$925,000 in cash and/or gambling chips from a Nevada casino without having sufficient funds to cover the check, and having done so with intent, or the presumption of intent, to defraud.

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67. The Initial Disclosure falsely stated that Systems America "employs 8 full-time
 employees, that includes [sic] software developers, sales and marketing, delivery management,
 finance and administration and also engages independent contractors to perform information
 technology services as of June 30, 2010."

68. In truth, Systems America had no full-time employees as of June 30, 2010. At that time, Tyagi was still employed by Aero Financial. Tyagi did not hire Systems America's first full-time employee until September 2010.

69. The Initial Disclosure falsely stated, in a section titled "Customers," that the
Company provided "services directly to many Fortune 500 companies, as well as small to
medium sized enterprises, and, to a lesser extent, as a member of consulting teams assembled by
other information technology consultants, such as the consulting practices offered to Hitachi
Consulting."

70. In truth, by the end of 2010, Systems America only had two principal customers: Qualtran, LLC and India West Newspaper. Neither was a Fortune 500 company, and neither had any relationship to Hitachi Consulting. Systems America's revenue for fiscal year 2010 totaled only \$26,701, and at least \$23,499 of the total revenue came from Qualtran, LLC and India West Newspaper.

71. As Systems America's sole officer and director and majority shareholder, Tyagi
knew, or was reckless or negligent in not knowing, that the misstatements detailed in paragraphs
64-70 were false.

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The false statements detailed in paragraphs 64-69 also were material:

- The *Guidelines* required disclosure of the information contained in the false statements because OTC Markets believed that the information was necessary for an investor of ordinary intelligence and investment skills to understand Systems America's business and prospects;

| 1 | • OTC Markets deemed the information that was the subject of the false |
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| 2 | statements in paragraphs 64-70 important enough to require its certification by |
| 3 | Tyagi as Systems America's CEO; |
| 4 | • After Tyagi published the false Initial Disclosure, OTC Markets moved |
| 5 | Systems America up to the Limited Information Tier and removed the |
| 6 | "Caveat Emptor" designation. Systems America was marked with a yellow |
| 7 | yield sign instead of a skull-and-crossbones; and |
| 8 | • The false statements detailed in paragraphs 64-69 concerned key components |
| 9 | of the business: the integrity of its sole officer and director and majority |
| 10 | shareholder; the company's human resources; and its business operations. |
| 11 | 73. In addition to containing the material misrepresentations detailed in paragraphs |
| 12 | 64-69, the Initial Disclosure omitted material facts necessary to make the other statements in the |
| 13 | Initial Disclosure not misleading: |
| 14 | • The Initial Disclosure omitted to state that Tyagi was a defendant in two |
| 15 | criminal proceedings; |
| 16 | • The Initial Disclosure omitted to state that Systems America's only putative |
| 17 | claim to Fortune 500 clients was based on work that Systems America DE |
| 18 | purportedly had performed from the late 1990s until the mid-2000s; |
| 19 | • The Initial Disclosure also omitted to state that Systems America DE had been |
| 20 | dormant since 2005 when Tyagi stopped paying attention to the business; and |
| 21 | • The Initial Disclosure also omitted to state that Tyagi had only revived |
| 22 | Systems America in June 2010 for the purpose of using it in a reverse merger |
| 23 | to gain access to the securities markets. |
| 24 | 74. The omissions detailed in paragraph 73 were material because they concerned the |
| 25 | integrity of Systems America's leadership and the Company's core operations, including whether |
| 26 | and when the Company was operational and whether it had any existing client relationships. |
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75. On the first trading day after the Initial Disclosure was published, July 6, 2010,
 Systems America's stock price opened and closed at \$1.01, and the trading volume was 400
 shares. On the trading day before the Initial Disclosure was published, only 100 shares of
 Systems America traded, and the stock opened and closed at \$0.51 per share.

76. Tyagi sold shares of Systems America only four days after publishing the false
and misleading Initial Disclosure: he sold five shares on July 6, 2010 at a price of \$1.01 per
share.

D. Tyagi Published A 2010 Annual Report Containing Materially False And Misleading Statements

10 77. Tyagi published the 2010 Annual Report on OTC Disclosure and News Service
11 on February 24, 2011.

12 78. Tyagi certified that, to his knowledge, the 2010 Annual Report contained no13 materially false or misleading statements.

14 79. Despite Tyagi's certification, the 2010 Annual Report contained materially false15 and misleading statements.

16 80. The 2010 Annual Report contained a "Legal/Disciplinary History" section that
17 falsely stated that "[n]one of the [Company's officers or directors] has ever been named as a
18 defendant in a criminal proceeding or convicted of a criminal offense."

19 81. When Tyagi filed the 2010 Annual Report, he had criminal cases pending against20 him in California and Nevada.

82. As Systems America's sole officer and director and majority shareholder, Tyagi
knew, or was reckless or negligent in not knowing, that the statements detailed in paragraphs 7980 were false.

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83. The false statements detailed in paragraphs 79-80 also were material:

• The *Guidelines* required disclosure of the information contained in the false statements because OTC Markets believed that the information was necessary

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| 1 | for an investor of ordinary intelligence and investment skills to understand | | |
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| 2 | Systems America's business and prospects; | | |
| 3 | • OTC Markets deemed the information that was the subject of the false | | |
| 4 | statements in paragraphs 79-80 important enough to require its certification by | | |
| 5 | Tyagi as Systems America's CEO and interim CFO; | | |
| 6 | • After the 2010 Annual Report was published, OTC Markets moved Systems | | |
| 7 | America to the highest Current Information Tier and marked the security with | | |
| 8 | a green check mark; and | | |
| 9 | • The false statements detailed in paragraphs 79-80 concerned the integrity of | | |
| 10 | Systems America's sole officer and director and majority shareholder. | | |
| 11 | 84. Tyagi sold shares of Systems America within three weeks of publishing the false | | |
| 12 | and misleading 2010 Annual Report: he sold 8,200 shares on March 11, 2011 at prices of \$0.84 | | |
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90. As Systems America's sole officer and director and majority shareholder, Tyagi
 knew, or was reckless or negligent in not knowing, that the statements detailed in paragraphs 85 88 were false.

- 91. The false statements detailed in paragraphs 85-88 also were material: 4 5 The Guidelines required disclosure of the information contained in the false statements because OTC Markets believed that the information was necessary 6 7 for an investor of ordinary intelligence and investment skills to understand Systems America's business and prospects; 8 9 OTC Markets deemed the information that was the subject of the false statements in paragraphs 85-88 important enough to require its certification by 10 11 Tyagi as Systems America's CEO and CFO; 12 After the 2011 Annual Report was published, OTC Markets returned Systems 13 America to the highest Current Information Tier and labeled it with a green check mark. The Company had been downgraded to the No Information Tier 14 and marked with a red stop sign because the Company's disclosures for 2011 15 were untimely; and 16 The false statements detailed in paragraphs 85-88 concerned the integrity of 17 18 Systems America's sole officer and director and majority shareholder. 92. 19 The 2011 Annual Report was published at approximately 1:04 p.m. Eastern on 20 July 24, 2012. Only 9,960 shares of Systems America had traded the day before. But on July 24, the stock price closed higher (\$0.03) than it opened (\$0.02) and saw significantly increased 21 volume of 135,680 shares. The next trading day, July 25, 2012, the share price increased further, 22 23 opening at \$0.048 and closing at \$0.045 on a significantly increased volume of 204,260 shares. 24 25
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II. Tyagi Made Materially False and Misleading Statements About Systems America In Press Releases Disseminated to PR Newswire and Omitted Material Facts Necessary to Make the Press Releases Not Misleading

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93. Tyagi made materially false and misleading statements about Systems America in at least 16 press releases that he or someone at Aero — who was working at his direction and on his behalf — transmitted to PR Newswire for circulation to the investing public. From these press releases, Tyagi also omitted material facts about Systems America necessary to make the press releases not misleading.

9 94. Tyagi participated in drafting all 16 press releases. He also was quoted in them.
10 He was the source of the false statements detailed in paragraphs 97-100 below.

95. Between July 13, 2010 and January 21, 2011, Tyagi authorized Aero and a second
firm that was providing promotion services to the Company to transmit five press releases to PR
Newswire for publication.

14 96. Thereafter, Tyagi either transmitted or directed his executive assistant to transmit
15 the remaining 11 press releases to PR Newswire.

16 97. The press releases contained a paragraph captioned "About Systems America"17 that described the Company's business.

18 98. The paragraph as it appeared in press releases dated July 13, August 24, and
19 December 16, 2010, and February 23, 2011 contained the following two sentences:

20Today, Systems America delivers superior business process outsourcing,21information technology outsourcing, and systems and integration services to22hundreds of clients worldwide. Building on a core competency of efficient23technology infrastructure outsourcing, the company, headquartered in . . .24California, United States now supports operations in nearly 20 countries.

25 99. The "About Systems America" paragraph in press releases dated November 12,
26 2010 and January 21, February 28, and March 8 and 11, 2011 contained the same two sentences,
27 except that the first sentence stated that the Company "deliver[ed] *superior cloud computing*,

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information technology consulting services, and systems and integration services to hundreds of
 clients worldwide." (emphasis added).

100. The opening word "Today" was dropped from the six press releases dated March 3 29, April 15, June 20, August 30 and 31, and September 6, 2011. In these press releases, along 4 with a March 9, 2011 press release, Systems America's business description had been changed 5 from "business process outsourcing" "superior cloud computing." 6 to 7 Five of the last six press releases and the press release dated March 9, 2011 deleted the reference 8 to the Company "now supporting operations in nearly 20 countries."

9 101. The statement appearing in all 16 press releases that the Company "delivers . . .
10 services to hundreds of clients worldwide" and the statement appearing in 10 of the press
11 releases that the "company . . . now supports operations in nearly 20 countries," was false.

12 102. Systems America DE essentially had been defunct since 2005, and its residual
13 revenues had steadily dwindled over a five-year period until Tyagi decided to revive the
14 Company in 2010.

103. The Company only had two main clients in 2010.

16 104. The Company did not support operations in any foreign countries in 2010 and17 2011.

18 105. As Systems America's sole officer and director and majority shareholder, Tyagi
19 knew, or was reckless or negligent in not knowing, that the statements detailed in paragraphs 9820 100 were false.

21 106. The false statements detailed in paragraphs 97-100 also were material because
22 they concerned Systems America's core business, including the nature of its services, the identity
23 of its customers, and the scale of its operations.

24 107. In addition to containing the material misrepresentations detailed in paragraphs 97
25 -104, the press releases omitted material facts necessary to make the other statements in the press
26 releases not misleading:

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- The press releases omitted to state that Systems America's only putative claim to "hundreds of clients worldwide" was based on work that Systems America DE purportedly had performed from the late 1990s until the mid-2000s;
 - The press releases also omitted to state that Systems America DE had been dormant since 2005 when Tyagi stopped paying attention to the business; and
 - The press releases also omitted to state that Tyagi had only revived Systems America in June 2010 for the purpose of using it in a reverse merger to gain access to the securities markets.

9 108. The omissions detailed in paragraph 107 were material because they concerned Systems America's core operations, including whether and when the Company was operational, 10 and whether it had any existing client relationships.

109. In general, the Company's issuance of the press releases detailed above was followed by a per-share price rise and/or increase in trading volume. On 10, or 67 percent, of the 15 dates on which the press releases containing the misstatements discussed above were published before the close of trading, the per-share price closed higher than it opened and/or the total daily trading volume increased relative to the prior trading day.

110. Tyagi sold Company stock out of personal brokerage accounts after publishing all 17 16 press releases. All of these sales of Company stock resulted in his receiving sales proceeds. 18 With regard to five press releases, the Defendant sold Company stock within four days of 19 20 publication, including two dates, November 12, 2010 and March 11, 2011, in which the Defendant subsequently sold stock on the release's publication date. For all but two of the press releases, the Defendant sold Company stock within 30 days after the release's publication. 22

III. **Tyagi Engaged In Manipulative Trading In His Brokerage Accounts**

24 111. On November 9, 2016, Tyagi pled guilty to securities fraud in violation of 15 25 U.S.C. §§ 78j and 78ff and 17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5. United States v. Adesh Kumar Tyagi, 8:16cr-00115-JVS (C.D. Cal.). 26

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1 112. In his guilty plea, Tyagi admitted that between at least October 2010 and March 2 2011, he engaged in a fraudulent scheme to manipulate the market for Systems America 3 securities and that his fraudulent scheme involved deceptive actions that were designed to 4 control the price of Systems America securities and their trading volume.

113. Tyagi stated under oath when he entered his guilty plea that "I traded shares of SYAI, which is Systems America, Inc., at the time and closed at certain times of the day to show the appearance that the stock was at a higher price."

114. Tyagi acknowledged under oath that he engaged in these trading activities with "the purpose to artificially inflate the market price of the stock."

115. He also admitted under oath that he took advantage of the prices that he had artificially inflated by selling Systems America securities into the market. In total, Tyagi made \$274,610.43 in illicit proceeds from his sale of 274,578 shares of Systems America.

116. In his guilty plea, Tyagi admitted to engaging in two different types of manipulative trading: "marking the close" and intra-daily trades to simulate volume and thereby increase price.

A. Tyagi "Marked The Close"

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17 117. Tyagi pled guilty to "marking the close" on at least 16 separate occasions. He
18 admitted to knowingly purchasing Systems America securities at the close of the trading day at
19 prices higher than those at which Systems America had been trading for the purpose of raising
20 the security's closing price.

118. Trading records reveal that Tyagi "marked the close" on at least 16 different
dates: (1) August 24, 2010; (2) August 25, 2010; (3) September 1, 2010; (4) October 8, 2010; (5)
October 14, 2010; (6) December 2, 2010; (7) December 7, 2010; (8) January 6, 2011; (9) January
7, 2011; (10) January 10, 2011; (11) January 11, 2011; (12) January 12, 2011; (13) January 19,
2011; (14) January 20, 2011; (15) March 7, 2011; and (16) March 10, 2011.

26 119. On each of these 16 dates, Tyagi placed buy-limit orders for Systems America
27 securities between 3:36 p.m. and 3:59 p.m. Eastern.

OTC Link's open regular market hours are 9:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Eastern. 120.

121. Tyagi's Systems America trading on the 16 dates occurred during the last half hour of open regular market trading for the security.

122. August 24, 2010 Trading: At 3:36 p.m. Eastern, Tyagi placed a buy-limit order 4 for 100 shares of SMAR at \$3.75 per share. At that time, SMAR was trading at only \$3.20 per share. Tyagi's buy limit order was executed immediately at a price of \$3.50 per share, which 6 lifted the price of SMAR by \$0.30 and set SMAR's closing price for the trading day.

8 123. August 25, 2010 Trading: At 3:55 p.m. Eastern, Tyagi placed a buy limit order 9 for 100 shares of SMAR at \$3.50 per share. SMAR's price had dipped to \$3.20 compared to the closing price of \$3.50 the day before. Tyagi's buy limit order was executed immediately at a 10 price of \$3.50 per share, and pushed the closing price for the day back up to \$3.50. 11

12 124. September 1, 2010 Trading: At 3:55 p.m. Eastern, Tyagi placed a buy limit order for 100 shares of SMAR at \$2.50 per share. The stock's last reported trade was \$2.30 per 13 share compared to a daily high of \$3.00 at the opening. Tyagi's order executed at \$2.30. 14 Approximately one minute later, Tyagi placed a buy limit order for 750 shares of SMAR at \$2.30 15 per share. Tyagi's order executed immediately at that price, locking in \$2.30 as SMAR's closing 16 price for the day. 17

18 125. October 8, 2010 Trading: Approximately 24 minutes before the market closed, Tyagi placed a buy limit order for 100 SYAI shares at \$3.35 per share. The last reported trade 19 20 was at \$2.90. Tyagi's order executed at a price of \$3.08. There was no further trading until 3:58 p.m. Eastern when Tyagi placed a buy limit order for 112 SYAI shares at \$3.35. Tyagi's order 21 was executed immediately and set SYAI's closing price at \$3.08 per share. 22

23 126. October 14, 2010 Trading: At 3:41 p.m. Eastern, Tyagi placed a buy limit order for 100 shares of SYAI at \$3.28 per share. SYAI last traded at \$3.05 per share. Tyagi's order 24 was executed immediately at a price of \$3.24 per share, which lifted the price of SYAI by \$0.19 and set SYAI's closing price for the trading day.

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1 127. December 2, 2010 Trading: At 3:51 p.m. Eastern, Tyagi placed a buy limit order
 2 for 100 SYAI shares at a price of \$3.15 per share. At that time, SYAI was trading at \$2.99 per
 3 share. Tyagi's order was executed immediately at \$3.05 per share. The closing price for the day
 4 was \$3.05, which was \$0.06 higher than the execution price for the last order filled before
 5 Tyagi's order.

6 128. December 7, 2010 Trading: At 3:59 p.m. Eastern, Tyagi placed a buy limit order
7 for 100 SYAI shares at \$2.90 per share. The last SYAI trade was at \$2.85. Tyagi's order was
8 executed immediately at \$2.85 per share and set SYAI's closing price.

9 129. January 6, 2011 Trading: At 3:54 p.m. Eastern, Tyagi placed a buy limit order
10 for 100 shares of SYAI at \$2.50 per share. The last SYAI trade was at \$2.21 per share. Tyagi's
11 order was immediately executed and raised SYAI's price to \$2.45 per share, which became the
12 stock's closing price for the day.

13 130. January 7, 2011 Trading: At 3:59 p.m. Eastern, Tyagi placed a buy limit order
14 for 100 shares of SYAI at \$2.42 per share. SYAI previously traded at \$2.25. Tyagi's order was
15 immediately executed, lifting SYAI's price by \$0.14 to \$2.39 per share. Tyagi's order was the
16 last of the day and his execution price of \$2.39 per share became SYAI's closing price.

17 131. January 10, 2011 Trading: At 3:56 p.m. Eastern, Tyagi placed a buy limit order
18 for 100 shares of SYAI at \$2.20 per share. SYAI had been trading at \$2.15. Tyagi's order
19 executed immediately and raised SYAI's price to \$2.20 per share, which became the security's
20 closing price for the day.

132. January 11, 2011 Trading: At 3:55 p.m. Eastern, Tyagi placed a buy limit order
for 100 shares of SYAI at \$2.45 per share. SYAI had been trading at \$2.30 per share. Tyagi's
order raised SYAI's price by \$0.15 per share.

133. January 12, 2011 Trading: At 3:49 p.m. Eastern, Tyagi placed a buy limit order
for 100 shares of SYAI at \$2.49 per share. SYAI had last traded at \$2.40 per share. Tyagi's
order was executed immediately, raising SYAI's price to \$2.49 per share and setting the closing
price.

1 134. January 19, 2011 Trading: At 3:58 p.m. Eastern, Tyagi placed a buy limit order for 100 shares at \$2.05 per share. SYAI was trading at \$1.70. Tyagi's order was executed 2 immediately at \$2.00 per share. On Tyagi's order, SYAI's price closed at \$2.00 per share. 3

135. January 20, 2011 Trading: Tyagi placed a buy limit order for 100 shares at 3:56 p.m. Eastern. The price was \$1.82 per share — \$0.17 more than the price of the last reported trade at \$1.65. Tyagi's order was executed immediately and pushed SYAI's price to \$1.80, which became the closing price for the day.

136. March 7, 2011 Trading: At 3:55 p.m. Eastern, Tyagi placed a buy limit order for 5,000 shares at \$0.70 per share. That day the stock was trading at \$0.45 per share. Tyagi's order was executed immediately, raised the price of SYAI to \$0.55 per share, and set the closing price.

137. March 10, 2011 Trading: At 3:56 p.m. Eastern, Tyagi placed a buy limit order for 200 shares of SYAI at \$0.75 per share. SYAI had been trading at \$0.40 per share. Tyagi's order executed immediately at \$0.75 per share, which raised the share price by \$0.35 and established the closing price for the day.

B. Tyagi Engaged In Manipulative Intra-Daily Trading

138. Tyagi also pled guilty to manipulative intra-daily trading on at least two separate occasions. He admitted to knowingly attempting "to influence the price or volume of SYAI by buying and/or selling SYAI to create the appearance of substantial trading activity [in the] security to artificially increase the price and volume of SYAI."

139. In addition to the two instances of manipulative intra-daily trading to which Tyagi pled guilty, trading records reveal at least eight other dates on which Tyagi engaged in 23 manipulative intra-daily trading to artificially increase the price and volume of SYAI.

24 140. In total, Tyagi engaged in manipulative intra-daily trading on ten separate dates: 25 (1) September 30, 2010; (2) October 6, 2010; (3) October 8, 2010; (4) October 12, 2010; (5) January 14, 2011; (6) January 19, 2011; (7) March 4, 2011; (8) March 8, 2011; (9) March 9, 26 27 2011; and (10) March 10, 2011.

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| 1 | 141. Tyagi often traded Systems America in small quantities, buying 100-200 shares of | |
| 2 | the security. | |
| 3 | 142. For example, on January 19, Tyagi executed 12 buy-limit orders. Eight of them | |
| 4 | were for 100 shares of Systems America. | |
| 5 | 143. Tyagi's trading often was economically irrational. | |
| 6 | 144. On numerous occasions, Tyagi placed buy-limit orders at prices higher than | |
| 7 | Systems America's last reported trade. | |
| 8 | 145. For example, | |
| 9 | • On March 4, 2011 at 11:50 a.m., Tyagi placed an order to purchase 200 shares | |
| 10 | at a limit price of \$0.70 per share. The last reported trade price for SYAI was | |
| 11 | only \$0.48 per share. Tyagi's order executed at \$0.58 and \$0.70 per share, | |
| 12 | which increased the price of SYAI. | |
| 13 | • Only four minutes later, Tyagi placed another buy-limit order for SYAI | |
| 14 | securities. This time he ordered 3,000 shares at \$0.90 per share. Tyagi knew | |
| 15 | that there were only 2,500 shares of SYAI available for sale and that the | |
| 16 | asking price was \$0.70 per share. In a recording of the phone call that he | |
| 17 | made to his brokerage firm to place the order, Tyagi stated that he wanted to | |
| 18 | "to push it [the stock price] to ninety cents." | |
| 19 | 146. In other instances, Tyagi contemporaneously sold low and bought high. For | |
| 20 | example, on January 19, 2011, | |
| 21 | • At 3:43 p.m., Tyagi placed an order to sell 1,000 SYAI shares at a limit | |
| 22 | price of \$1.80. His order was executed at that price. | |
| 23 | • Approximately one minute later, Tyagi placed an <i>order to buy</i> 800 SYAI | |
| 24 | shares at a limit price of \$2.05 per share. His order was executed at \$1.99 | |
| 25 | and \$2.00 per share. | |
| 26 | • At 3:46 p.m., Tyagi placed an <i>order to sell</i> another 1,100 SYAI shares at a | |
| 27 | limit price of \$1.80 per share. His order was executed at that price. | |
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| 1 | • Within one minute of his sale executing, Tyagi placed an order to buy | |
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| 2 | 1,000 SYAI shares at a limit price of \$2.10. His buy limit order was | |
| 3 | executed at prices of \$1.99 and \$2.00 per share. | |
| 4 | • At 3:53 p.m., Tyagi placed an order to sell 1,000 SYAI shares at a limit | |
| 5 | price of \$1.76 per share. His order was executed at that price. | |
| 6 | • One minute later, Tyagi placed an <i>order to buy</i> 100 SYAI shares at a limit | |
| 7 | price of \$2.05. His order was executed at a price of \$2.05 per share. | |
| 8 | 147. There was no legitimate purpose for Tyagi's trading. | |
| 9 | 148. Tyagi's trading in Systems America was designed to simulate an active market for | |
| 10 | the security and thereby artificially increase Systems America's price and volume. | |
| 11 | IV. Tyagi Violated the Beneficial Ownership Reporting Requirements | |
| 12 | 149. Systems America's securities were registered with the Commission pursuant to § | |
| 13 | 12(g) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78l(g)]. | |
| 14 | 150. Officers, directors, and certain shareholders of § 12(g) reporting companies are | |
| 15 | required to file beneficial ownership reports with the Commission. Pursuant to §16(a)(4) of the | |
| 16 | Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78p(a)(4)], such reports are made available to the investing public on | |
| 17 | the Commission's website and must also be made available on any website that the issuer | |
| 18 | maintains. | |
| 19 | 151. As System America's sole officer and director and majority shareholder, Tyagi | |
| 20 | was required to file beneficial ownership reports with the Commission because Systems America | |
| 21 | had securities registered with the Commission. | |
| 22 | 152. This obligation only terminated in 2015 after the Commission deregistered | |
| 23 | Systems America's securities for failure to file periodic reports. | |
| 24 | 153. Notwithstanding his reporting obligations as System America's sole officer and | |
| 25 | director and majority shareholder, Tyagi never filed any beneficial ownership reports with the | |
| 26 | Commission. | |
| 27 | A. Schedule 13D | |

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1 154. A person is required to file a Schedule 13D with the Commission when the person
 2 acquires beneficial ownership of more than 5% of a § 12(g) reporting company's equity
 3 securities.

4 155. Schedule 13D is due within 10 days of the acquisition that results in the person
5 owning more than 5% of the public company.

6 156. The purpose of Schedule 13D is to disclose to the investing public the identity and
7 background of any large shareholders of a public company.

8 157. Among other things, Schedule 13D requires 5% beneficial owners to disclose 9 "[w]hether or not, during the last five years, such person has been convicted in a criminal 10 proceeding (excluding traffic violations or similar misdemeanors) and, if so, give the dates, 11 nature of conviction, name and location of court, any penalty imposed, or other disposition of the 12 case."

13 158. If any of the material facts underlying a Schedule 13D change, the 5% beneficial
14 owner must file an amendment with the Commission promptly.

15 159. On June 17, 2010, Tyagi acquired 21,000,000 shares of Systems America's
16 common stock as part of the reverse merger that created the Company.

17 160. As a result, Tyagi owned 99.49% of Systems America's outstanding common18 stock.

161. Accordingly, Tyagi was required to file a Schedule 13D by June 24, 2010.

162. Tyagi never filed a Schedule 13D.

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163. Tyagi's disclosure obligation under Schedule 13D was mandatory and ongoing
because during the entire period that Systems America was a public company Tyagi owned more
than 5% of its equity securities.

24 164. Accordingly, Tyagi was required to file a Schedule 13D to disclose that he had25 been convicted of embezzlement in California.

26 165. At no time did Tyagi ever file a Schedule 13D to disclose his criminal conviction.
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1 166. Tyagi's failure to file any beneficial ownership reports under Schedule 13D
 2 withheld his identity and critical information about his background from the investing public,
 3 including his criminal conviction.

B. Form 3

167. A person who becomes an officer or director of a public company or acquiresbeneficial ownership of more than 10% of its equity securities must file a Form 3 InitialStatement of Beneficial Ownership with the Commission.

8 168. Form 3 is due no later than 10 days after the person becomes an officer or director
9 or acquires more than a 10% ownership stake in the public company.

10 169. The purpose of Form 3 is to disclose to the investing public how much of the11 public company is owned by insiders.

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170. Tyagi became Systems America's sole officer and director on June 10, 2010.

171. Tyagi was required to file a Form 3 with the Commission by June 20, 2010.

14 172. On June 17, 2010, Tyagi acquired 21,000,000 of Systems America's 21,107,179
15 shares outstanding, so his ownership interest in the Company far exceeded the 10% threshold
16 required to trigger a Form 3 filing.

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173. Tyagi was required to file a Form 3 with the Commission by June 27, 2010.

174. Tyagi never filed any Initial Statement of Beneficial Ownership.

C. Forms 4 and Forms 5

20 175. An officer or director who owns shares is required to file beneficial ownership
21 reports with the Commission whenever the officer or director's ownership interests in the public
22 company change. A beneficial owner of more than 10% of a public company also is required to
23 file beneficial ownership reports with the Commission. In other words, officers, directors, and
24 principal shareholders must file reports with the Commission whenever they buy or sell the
25 public company's securities.

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1 176. A Form 4 Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership must be filed before the
 2 end of the second business day after the day on which the transaction took place that resulted in
 3 the change in the officer's, director's, or principal shareholder's beneficial ownership.

4 177. An officer, director, or principal shareholder also must file with the Commission
5 an Annual Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership of Securities. This Form 5 reports any
6 changes in the officer's, director's, or principal shareholder's beneficial ownership that were not
7 otherwise reported on a Form 4, whether as a result of an exemption or a late filing.

8 178. If required to be filed, a Form 5 Annual Statement of Change in Beneficial
9 Ownership of Securities must be filed on or before the 45th day after the end of the issuer's fiscal
10 year in which the corporate insider was subject to Exchange Act § 16(a) [15 U.S.C. § 78p(a)].

11 179. During the time that Tyagi was an officer, director, and principal shareholder of
12 Systems America, he engaged in 291 separate purchase or sale transactions in Company
13 securities that changed his beneficial ownership in Systems America.

14 180. Each of these 291 changes in Tyagi's beneficial ownership of Systems America
15 required Tyagi to file a Form 4 or a Form 5 with the Commission.

181. Tyagi did not file a single Form 4 or Form 5 with the Commission.

182. Tyagi failed to file 87 Forms 4.

183. Tyagi failed to file five Forms 5.

FIRST CLAIM

Violation of § 17(a) of the Securities Act

[15 U.S.C. § 77q(a)]

22184.Paragraphs 1 through 183 are realleged and incorporated by reference herein.

185. By engaging in the conduct described above, Tyagi, directly or indirectly, in the
offer or sale of securities by the use of means or instruments of transportation or communication
in interstate commerce or by use of the mails:

a. knowingly or recklessly employed devices, schemes, or artifices to defraud;

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| 1 | b. knowingly, recklessly, or negligently obtained money or property by means of |
| 2 | untrue statements of material fact or omissions of material facts necessary in |
| 3 | order to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which |
| 4 | they were made, not misleading; or |
| 5 | c. knowingly, recklessly, or negligently engaged in transactions, practices, or |
| 6 | courses of business which operated or would operate as a fraud or deceit upon |
| 7 | the purchaser. |
| 8 | 186. By engaging in the conduct described above, the Tyagi violated, and unless |
| 9 | restrained and enjoined will continue to violate §§17(a)(1), 17(a)(2), and 17(a)(3) of the |
| 10 | Securities Act [15 U.S.C. § 77q(a)(1), (2), and (3)]. |
| 11 | SECOND CLAIM |
| 12 | Violations of §10(b) of the Exchange Act and Rule 10b-5 Thereunder |
| 13 | [15 U.S.C. § 78j(b) and 17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5] |
| 14 | 187. Paragraphs 1 through 183 are realleged and incorporated by reference herein. |
| 15 | 188. By engaging in the conduct described above, Tyagi, directly or indirectly, in |
| 16 | connection with the purchase or sale of a security, by the use of any means or instrumentality of |
| 17 | interstate commerce, [or] of the mails, knowingly or recklessly: |
| 18 | a. employed devices, schemes, or artifices to defraud; |
| 19 | b. made untrue statements of a material fact or omitted to state a material fact |
| 20 | necessary in order to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances |
| 21 | under which they were made, not misleading; or |
| 22 | c. engaged in acts, practices, or courses of business which operated or would |
| 23 | operate as a fraud or deceit upon other persons. |
| 24 | 189. By engaging in the conduct described above, Tyagi violated and, unless restrained |
| 25 | and enjoined, will continue to violate §10(b) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78j(b)] and Rule |
| 26 | 10b-5(a), (b) and (c) thereunder [17 CFR § 240.10b-5(a), (b), and (c)]. |
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| 1 | THIRD CLAIM | |
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| 2 | Aiding and Abetting Violations of § 10(b) of the Exchange Act and | |
| 3 | Exchange Act Rule 10b-5(b) | |
| 4 | 190. Paragraphs 1 through 183 are realleged and incorporated by reference herein. | |
| 5 | 191. By engaging in the conduct described above, Systems America, directly or | |
| 6 | indirectly, in connection with the purchase or sale of a security, by the use of any means or | |
| 7 | instrumentality of interstate commerce, [or] of the mails,, knowingly or recklessly: | |
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| 9 | b. made untrue statements of a material fact or omitted to state a material fact | |
| 10 | necessary in order to make the statements made, in the light of the | |
| 11 | circumstances under which they were made, not misleading | |
| 12 | 192. Systems America violated § 10(b) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78j(b)] and | |
| 13 | Rule 10b-5(b) thereunder [17 CFR § 240.10b-5(b)]. | |
| 14 | 193. By his actions described above, Tyagi knowingly or recklessly provided | |
| 15 | substantial assistance to: Systems America's violations of § 10(b) of the Exchange Act [15 | |
| 16 | U.S.C. § 78j(b)] and Rule 10b-5(b) thereunder [17 CFR § 240.10b-5 (b)]. | |
| 17 | 194. Accordingly, Tyagi aided and abetted the primary violations described above and, | |
| 18 | pursuant to § 20(e) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78t(e)], is liable for such violations. | |
| 19 | 195. Unless restrained and enjoined, Tyagi will continue to aid and abet violations of § | |
| 20 | 10(b) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78j(b)] and Rule 10b-5(b) thereunder [17 CFR § | |
| 21 | 240.10b-5(b)]. | |
| 22 | FOURTH CLAIM | |
| 23 | Controlling Person Liability for Violations of § 10(b) of the Exchange Act | |
| 24 | and Exchange Act Rule 10b-5(b) | |
| 25 | 196. Paragraphs 1 through 183 are realleged and incorporated by reference herein. | |
| 26 | 197. By engaging in the conduct described above, Systems America violated § 10(b) of | |
| 27 | the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78j(b)] and Rule 10b-5(b) thereunder [17 CFR § 240.10b-5(b)]. | |

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Tyagi: (a) directly or indirectly controlled Systems America; and (b) possessed 1 198. 2 the power and ability to control Systems America as to its violation of § 10(b) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78j(b)] and Rule 10b-5(b) thereunder [17 CFR § 240.10b-5(b)]. 3 199. Accordingly, Tyagi is liable as a controlling person pursuant to § 20(a) of the 4 5 Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78t(a)] as to Systems America's violation of § 10(b) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78j(b)] and Rule 10b-5(b) thereunder [17 CFR § 240.10b-5(b)]. 6 7 Unless restrained and enjoined, Tyagi will continue to engage in conduct that 200. would render him liable, under § 20(a) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78t(a)], for violations 8 of § 10(b) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78j(b)] and Rule 10b-5(b) thereunder [17 CFR § 9 240.10b-5(b)]. 10 11 FIFTH CLAIM 12 Violation of Exchange Act § 16(a) and Rule 16a-3 Thereunder 13 [15 U.S.C. § 78p(a) and 17 C.F.R. § 240.16a-3] 201. Paragraphs 1 through 183 are realleged and incorporated by reference herein. 14 202. Beginning on or about June 17, 2010 and continuing throughout the relevant 15 period, Tyagi was an officer and director of the Company within the meaning of Rule 16a-1(f) of 16 the Exchange Act [17 C.F.R. § 240.16a-1(f)]). 17 18 203. During the same period, he was a majority owner of the Company's issued and outstanding common stock. 19 20 204. At no time did Tyagi file a Form 3 reflecting his ownership interest in the 21 Company. 205. At no time did Tyagi file a Form 4 or Form 5 reflecting changes in his ownership 22 23 of Company securities. 24 206. By engaging in the conduct described above, Tyagi violated, and unless restrained 25 and enjoined will continue to violate, §16(a) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78p(a)] and Exchange Act Rule 16a-3 [17 C.F.R. 240.16a-3]. 26 27

SIXTH CLAIM

Violation of Exchange Act §13(d) and Rule 13d-1 Thereunder 2 [15 U.S.C. § 78m(d) and 17 C.F.R. § 240.13d-1] 3 207. Paragraphs 1 through 183 are realleged and incorporated by reference herein. 4 208. During the relevant period, Tyagi was an officer and director of Systems America 5 who beneficially owned more than five percent of the Company's outstanding shares of common 6 7 stock. 8 209. Section 13(d) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78m(d)] and Rule 13d-1 [17 9 C.F.R. § 240.13d-1] provide that any person who acquires, directly or indirectly, the beneficial ownership of more than five percent of any class of equity securities registered under §12 of the 10 Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 781] must file a statement on Schedule 13D with the Commission. 11 The statement must include, inter alia, specified information about the acquisition, and the type 12 13 and number of shares held. The Schedule 13D must be filed within 10 days after the acquisition. 210. Tyagi acquired more than five percent of the beneficial ownership of the 14 Company's common stock on or about June 17, 2010, and therefore had a duty to file a Schedule 15 13D with the Commission. 16 211. Tyagi failed to file a Form 13D within the 10-day period or at any other time. 17 18 212. By engaging in the conduct described above, Tyagi violated, and unless restrained and enjoined will again violate, § 13(d) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78m(d)] and Rule 13d-19

20 1 [17 C.F.R. § 240.13d-1] thereunder.

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PRAYER FOR RELIEF

22 WHEREFORE, the Commission respectfully requests that the Court:

I.

Pursuant to § 20(b) of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. § 77t(b)] and § 21(d)(1) of the
Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78u(d)(1)], permanently enjoin Tyagi from violating § 17(a) of the
Securities Act [15 U.S.C. § 77q(a)] and § 10(b), 13(d), and 16(a) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C.

\$\$ 78j(b), 78p(a), and 78m(d)] and Exchange Act Rules 10b 5, 13d-1, 13d-2, and 16a-3
 thereunder [17 C.F.R. \$\$ 240.10b-5, 240.13d-1, 240.13d-2, and 240.16a-3].

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Pursuant to § 20(b) of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. § 77t(b)] and §21(d)(1) of the
Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78u(d)(1)], permanently enjoin Tyagi from, directly or indirectly,
including, but not limited to, through an entity owned or controlled by the Defendant,
participating in the issuance, purchase, offer, or sale of any security of an entity of which he is an
officer, director, owner, direct or indirect, of 10% or more of the issued and outstanding
securities, or control person.

Order Tyagi to disgorge \$274,610.43 in ill-gotten gains obtained as a result of the
violations alleged in this Complaint, with prejudgment interest.

III.

Order Tyagi to pay civil penalties under § 20(d) of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. § 77t(d)]
and § 21(d)(3) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78u(d)(3)].

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IV.

Pursuant to § 20(e) of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. § 77t(e)] and §21(d)(2) of the
Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78u(d)(2)], bar Tyagi from acting as an officer or director of any
issuer that has a class of securities registered pursuant to Exchange Act §12 [15 U.S.C. § 781] or
that is required to file reports pursuant to Exchange Act §15(d) [15 U.S.C. § 780(d)].

Pursuant to §20(g) of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. § 77t(g)] and §21(d)(6) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78u(d)(6)], permanently bar Tyagi from participating in an offering of penny stock, including engaging in activities with a broker, dealer, or issuer for purposes of issuing, trading, or inducing or attempting to induce the purchase or sale of any penny stock.

VI.

Grant such further relief as the Court may deem just and appropriate.

VII.

| 1 | 1 DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL | |
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| 2 | 2 The Commission hereby demands a trial by jury pursuant to Rule 38(b) | of the Federal |
| 3 | 3 Rules of Civil Procedure. | |
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| 5 | 5 Dated: May 30, 2017 Respectfully submitted, | |
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