## UNITED STATES OF AMERICA before the SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 Release No. 91454 / April 1, 2021

Admin. Proc. File No. 3-19867

In the Matter of

## ASPEN MARINE GROUP INC. and BIOCIRCUITS CORPORATION.

## ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

The Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") issued an Order Instituting Proceedings ("OIP") on July 9, 2020, against Aspen Marine Group Inc. and Biocircuits Corporation ("Respondents") pursuant to Section 12(j) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.<sup>1</sup>

On September 28, 2020, the Division of Enforcement filed the Declaration of Gina Joyce, which states that, pursuant to Commission Rule of Practice 141(a)(2)(ii),<sup>2</sup> service of the OIP was made on Respondents on August 4, 2020.

As stated in the OIP, Respondents' answers were required to be filed within ten days of service of the OIP.<sup>3</sup> As of the date of this order, Respondents have not filed an answer. The prehearing conference and the hearing are thus continued indefinitely.

Accordingly, Respondents are ORDERED to SHOW CAUSE by April 15, 2021, why the registrations of their securities should not be revoked by default due to their failure to file an answer and to otherwise defend this proceeding. When a party defaults, the allegations in the OIP will be deemed to be true and the Commission may determine the proceeding against that party upon consideration of the record without holding a public hearing.

If Respondents fail to respond to this order to show cause, they may be deemed in default, the proceeding may be determined against them, and the registrations of their securities

Aspen Marine Group Inc., Exchange Act Release No. 89283, 2020 WL 3883287 (July 9, 2020).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 17 C.F.R. § 201.141(a)(2)(ii).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Aspen Marine Group Inc., 2020 WL 3883287, at \*2; Rules of Practice 151(a), 160(b), 220(b), 17 C.F.R. §§ 201.151(a), 160(b), .220(b).

may be revoked.<sup>4</sup> Upon review of the filings in response to this order, the Commission will either direct further proceedings by subsequent order or issue a final order resolving the matter.

The parties' attention is called to the Commission's March 18, 2020 order regarding the filing and service of papers and stating that pending further order of the Commission parties to the extent possible shall submit all filings electronically at <a href="mailto:apfilings@sec.gov.">apfilings@sec.gov.</a>. Also, the Commission's Rules of Practice were recently amended to include new e-filing requirements, which take effect on April 12, 2021.<sup>6</sup>

For the Commission, by the Office of the General Counsel, pursuant to delegated authority.

Vanessa A. Countryman Secretary

Rules of Practice 155, 180, 17 C.F.R. § 201.155, .180; see Aspen Marine Group Inc., 2020 WL 3883287, at \*2 ("If Respondents fail to file the directed Answers, . . . [they] may be deemed in default and the proceedings may be determined against them . . . .").

Pending Administrative Proceedings, Exchange Act Release No. 88415, 2020 WL 1322001 (Mar. 18, 2020), <a href="https://www.sec.gov/litigation/opinions/2020/33-10767.pdf">https://www.sec.gov/litigation/opinions/2020/33-10767.pdf</a>.

Amendments to the Commission's Rules of Practice, 85 Fed. Reg. 86,464, 86,474 (Dec. 30, 2020); see also Amendments to the Commission's Rules of Practice, Exchange Act Release No. 90442, 2020 WL 7013370 (Nov. 17, 2020); Instructions for Electronic Filing and Service of Documents in SEC Administrative Proceedings and Technical Specifications, <a href="https://www.sec.gov/efapdocs/instructions.pdf">https://www.sec.gov/efapdocs/instructions.pdf</a>. The amendments also impose other obligations on parties to administrative proceedings such as a new redaction and omission of sensitive personal information requirement. Amendments to the Commission's Rules of Practice, 85 Fed. Reg. at 86,465–81.