

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
Before the  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934  
Release No. 59735 / April 8, 2009

Administrative Proceeding File No. 3-13434

PROCEEDINGS INSTITUTED AGAINST RAVI YANAMADULA

The United States Securities and Exchange Commission (Commission) announced the issuance of an Order Instituting Administrative Proceedings Pursuant to Section 15(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Notice of Hearing (Order) against Ravi Yanamadula (Yanamadula).

In the Order, the Division of Enforcement alleges that on August 3, 2007, Yanamadula pled guilty to six counts of wire fraud under 18 U.S.C. §§ 1343 and 1346 before the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, in United States v. Cho, et al., Crim. Indictment No. 1:04-CR-166. The Division of Enforcement alleges that from 1993 through February 1998, Yanamadula worked for John Dawson & Associates, Inc. (JDAI), a broker-dealer registered with the Commission, as JDAI's Head Trader. The Division of Enforcement alleges that the counts of the criminal indictment to which Respondent pled guilty alleged, inter alia, that Respondent for the purpose of executing a scheme to defraud, caused favorable trades to be reallocated from certain JDAI proprietary firm accounts to his account at JDAI and that these after-the-fact trade allocations either profited Respondent's account or served to avoid losses in his account.

The Division of Enforcement further alleges that on June 2, 2008, a judgment in the criminal case was entered against Yanamadula. The Division of Enforcement alleges that Yanamadula was sentenced to a term of imprisonment of 42 months, ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$3,695,032 and placed on 3 years probation following his release from prison.

A hearing will be scheduled before an administrative law judge to determine whether the allegations contained in the Order are true, to provide the Respondent an opportunity to dispute these allegations, and to determine what, if any, remedial sanctions are appropriate and in the public interest.

The Order requires the Administrative Law Judge to issue an initial decision no later than 210 days from the date of service of this Order, pursuant to Rule 360(a)(2) of the Commission's Rules of Practice.

