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

SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 Release No. 82806 / March 5, 2018

**ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING** File No. 3-18386

In the Matter of

JACOB W. L. STOCKING,

Respondent.

ORDER INSTITUTING ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(b) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934, MAKING FINDINGS, AND IMPOSING REMEDIAL SANCTIONS

I.

The Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") deems it appropriate and in the public interest that public administrative proceedings be, and hereby are, instituted pursuant to Section 15(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act") against Jacob W. L. Stocking ("Stocking" or "Respondent").

II.

In anticipation of the institution of these proceedings, Respondent has submitted an Offer of Settlement (the "Offer") which the Commission has determined to accept. Solely for the purpose of these proceedings and any other proceedings brought by or on behalf of the Commission, or to which the Commission is a party, Respondent admits the Commission's jurisdiction over him and the subject matter of these proceedings, and the findings contained in paragraph 3 below, and consents to the entry of this Order Instituting Administrative Proceedings Pursuant to Section 15(b) of the Exchange Act, Making Findings, and Imposing Remedial Sanctions ("Order"), as set forth below.

On the basis of this Order and Respondent's Offer, the Commission finds that:

- 1. Jacob W.L. Stocking, age 34, is currently incarcerated at the Federal Correctional Institution, Sheridan in Sheridan, OR, and was previously a resident of Orem, Utah and Lindon, Utah. Stocking has never been registered with or associated with any entity registered with the Commission, but he acted as an unregistered broker-dealer from approximately 2008 through November 2015.
- 2. Stocking engaged in a scheme to defraud investors whereby he solicited approximately 25 investors to invest approximately \$7 million (total) in various securities offerings, including investments in (1) an unaffiliated day-trading firm (Blackbird Capital Partners, LLC ("Blackbird"), a former Commodity Trading Advisor located in Draper, UT), (2) development of a translation device called Blue Op, and (3) oil development projects. Stocking told investors their monies were invested in an investment pool in Stocking's name in the various securities offerings, that the investments were low risk and had a high rate of return (up to 200%), that the principal on the investments was guaranteed, and that their investments were performing well based on fake trading charts and other fraudulent financial documents Stocking provided. Stocking never made any legitimate investments, and instead used all of the funds he received from investors for his own person benefit and living expenses.
- 3. On March 22, 2016, Stocking pled guilty to one count of securities fraud in violation of Title 15 United States Code, Section 78j(b) and Title 17 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 240.10b-5 thereunder before the United State District Court for the District of Utah, in *United States v. Jacob Wayne Lee Stocking*, Case No. DUTX2:16CR00107-001 DAK. On June 21, 2016, a judgment of criminal conviction was entered against Stocking. He was sentenced to a prison term of 45 months followed by 36 months of supervised release and ordered to make restitution in the amount of \$6,974,000.00.
- 4. The criminal offense to which Stocking pled guilty states that Stocking willfully, knowingly, and with intent to defraud, sold securities by the use of means and instruments of interstate commerce, and did (1) employ a device, scheme and artifice to defraud, (2) make untrue statements of material fact and omit to state material facts necessary in order to make the statements made not misleading, and (3) engage in acts, transactions, practices, and courses of business which would operate and did operate as a fraud and deceit upon other persons.

IV.

In view of the foregoing, the Commission deems it appropriate and in the public interest to impose the sanctions agreed to in Respondent Stocking's Offer.

Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED pursuant to Section 15(b)(6) of the Exchange Act, that Respondent Stocking be, and hereby is barred from association with any broker, dealer, investment adviser, municipal securities dealer, municipal advisor, transfer agent, or nationally recognized statistical rating organization; and

Pursuant to Section 15(b)(6) of the Exchange Act Respondent Stocking be, and hereby is barred from participating in any offering of a penny stock, including: acting as a promoter, finder, consultant, agent or other person who engages in activities with a broker, dealer or issuer for purposes of the issuance or trading in any penny stock, or inducing or attempting to induce the purchase or sale of any penny stock.

Any reapplication for association by the Respondent will be subject to the applicable laws and regulations governing the reentry process, and reentry may be conditioned upon a number of factors, including, but not limited to, the satisfaction of any or all of the following: (a) any disgorgement ordered against the Respondent, whether or not the Commission has fully or partially waived payment of such disgorgement; (b) any arbitration award related to the conduct that served as the basis for the Commission order; (c) any self-regulatory organization arbitration award to a customer, whether or not related to the conduct that served as the basis for the Commission order; and (d) any restitution order by a self-regulatory organization, whether or not related to the conduct that served as the basis for the Commission order.

By the Commission.

Brent J. Fields Secretary