UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION, Plaintiff, v. EQUITYBUILD, INC., et al., Defendants.

Civil Action No. 18-cv-5587 Hon. Manish S. Shah

Mag. Judge Young B. Kim

<u>NOTICE OF FILING OF OBJECTIONS</u> <u>TO RECEIVER'S SUBMISSIONS ON GROUP 4 AND GROUP 5 CLAIMS</u>

Kevin B. Duff, as receiver ("Receiver") for the Estate of Defendants EquityBuild, Inc. ("EquityBuild"), EquityBuild Finance, LLC ("EquityBuild Finance"), their affiliates, and the affiliate entities of Defendants Jerome Cohen and Shaun Cohen (collectively, the "Receivership Defendants"), provides this Notice of Objection to Receiver's Submissions on Group 4 and Group 5 Claims.

1. On November 17, 2023, the Court entered the Order Regarding Summary Proceeding for Group 4 (Dkt. 1550) and Group 5 (Dkt. 1551).

2. On March 1, 2024, the Court entered an order setting deadlines regarding the Receiver's submissions and responses to same for Group 4 and Group 5, including an April 10, 2024 deadline for responses to the Receiver's submissions. (Dkt. 1614)

3. On March 20, 2024, the Receiver filed and served his Submission on Group 4 Claims (Dkt. 1627) and his Submission on Group 5 Claims (Dkt. 1626).

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4. Certain objections to the Receiver's Group 4 recommendations were submitted directly to the Receiver by the following claimants:

a. DVH Investment Trust (Claim 58-1410) (Ex. A);

- b. DVH Investment Trust (Claim 60-1410) (Ex. B);
- c. Therese Tibbits (Claim 9-208) (Ex. C); and
- d. Peter Nuspl (Claim 71-2044) (Ex. D).
- 5. An objection to the Receiver's Group 5 recommendations was submitted directly

to the Receiver by the following claimant:

a. Horst S. Filtzer, Jr. (Claim 3-1085) (Ex. E).

WHEREFORE, the Receiver hereby files the above-described responses to the Receiver's

Submissions on Group 4 and Group 5 Claims.

Dated: April 15, 2024

Kevin B. Duff, Receiver

By: /s/ Michael Rachlis Michael Rachlis Jodi Rosen Wine Rachlis Duff & Peel LLC 542 South Dearborn Street, Suite 900 Chicago, IL 60605 Phone (312) 733-3950 mrachlis@rdaplaw.net jwine@rdaplaw.net

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on April 15, 2024, I electronically filed the foregoing Notice with the Clerk of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, using the CM/ECF system. A copy of the foregoing was served upon counsel of record via the CM/ECF system.

I further certify that I caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing to be served upon all claimants included on the Email Service List for Group 4 and Email Service List for Group 5 by electronic mail.

I further certify that the Notice will be posted to the Receivership webpage at: http://rdaplaw.net/receivership-for-equitybuild

> /s/ Michael Rachlis Rachlis Duff & Peel, LLC 542 South Dearborn Street, Suite 900 Chicago, IL 60605 Phone (312) 733-3950 Fax (312) 733-3952 mrachlis@rdaplaw.net

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April 10, 2024

Kevin B. Duff, Receiver Receivership Estate of EquityBuild, Inc. c/o Rachlis Duff & Peel, LLC 542 S. Dearborn St., Suite 900 Chicago, IL 60605

Dear Mr. Duff,

This letter is my objection notice to the Receiver's Submission regarding my **\$198,500** claim as part of the Group 4 claimants. My claimant name is **DVH Investment Trust** under Fiduciary Claim/Fiduciary Claim Name **58-1410**.

I disagree with the Receiver's recommendation to segregate my standing from other secured claimants for the property located at **5955 S. Sacramento Avenue (Property 58)**. The entire EquityBuild Inc., (and all of its affiliated entities) program has been exposed as a fraud and a crime, so none of the marketed investments are legitimate or legal; therefore, my claim is for the return of money I paid into the scheme.

EquityBuild Inc. and its affiliates provided fake marketing material and lied regarding the purpose and intent with how money it was collecting from "investors" would be used; therefore, my standing should be pari-passu with the other "secured investors" in Group 4.

I continue to work with my legal counsel on additional reasons for objection to the Receiver's Submission; however, we believe the arguments articulated above are sufficient to preserve my standing as a "secured" claimant for the future distribution made to Group 4.

Best,

Duke Heger / DVH Investment Trust



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April 10, 2024

Kevin B. Duff, Receiver Receivership Estate of EquityBuild, Inc. c/o Rachlis Duff & Peel, LLC 542 S. Dearborn St., Suite 900 Chicago, IL 60605

Dear Mr. Duff,

This letter is my objection notice to the Receiver's Submission regarding my **\$80,000** claim as part of the Group 4 claimants. My claimant name is **DVH Investment Trust** under Fiduciary Claim/Fiduciary Claim Name **60-1410**.

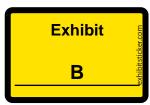
I disagree with the Receiver's recommendation to segregate my standing, for \$60,000, from other secured claimants for the property located at **7026-42 S. Cornell Avenue (Property 60)**. The entire EquityBuild Inc., (and all of its affiliated entities) program has been exposed as a fraud and a crime, so none of the marketed investments are legitimate or legal; therefore, my claim is for the return of money I paid into the scheme.

EquityBuild Inc. and its affiliates provided fake marketing material and lied regarding the purpose and intent with how money it was collecting from "investors" would be used; therefore, my standing for the entire claim should be pari-passu with the other "secured investors" in Group 4.

I continue to work with my legal counsel on additional reasons for objection to the Receiver's Submission; however, we believe the arguments articulated above are sufficient to preserve my standing as a "secured" claimant for the total \$80,000 against future distribution made to Group 4.

Best,

Duke Heger **/** DVH Investment Trust



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From:	equitybuildclaims@rdaplaw.net
То:	<u>"Therese Tibbits"; mstibbits@gmail.com</u>
Subject:	Therese Tibbits - RE: SEC v. EquityBuild, Inc notice of filing of Receiver's Submission on Group 4 Claims
Date:	Thursday, March 21, 2024 1:30:00 PM
Attachments:	180502 Tibbits statement 342538.pdf
	<u>180413 Tibbits 1611424.pdf</u>
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Ms. Tibbits:

The Receiver's recommendation in regard to the amount of interest you received was based on your proof of claim and EquityBuild's records. On your proof of claim (copy attached), you reported receiving \$14,723.34 interest and that an additional \$17,826.66 was due to you, which you calculated as follows:

Contracted Interest of \$700 per month missing 3-14-2018 through 12-14-2019 (700 x 20 months = \$15,400.00) plus shorted amount from 2-14-16 to 6-1-16 no interest paid (owes \$2,426.66). \$15,400.00 + \$2,426.66 = \$17,826.6

We used EquityBuild's records, which show \$700 monthly payments through 4/25/18 as support for the \$16,823.34 figure used, because while you indicate that you weren't paid beginning on 3/14/18, this is not consistent with the email you sent to EquityBuild on 4/13/2018 indicating you were receiving 14% interest (see attached).

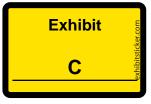
If you nevertheless believe that our calculation is incorrect, please provide us with an explanation and documentation to show the basis for your calculation of the interest you received and why the information and calculation we describe above is incorrect.

As noted, pursuant to Court order, you also have an opportunity to submit to the Court a response or objection to the Receiver's Submission on or before April 10, 2024. We note, however, that you did not provide any supporting documentation with your proof of claim to substantiate the interest payments that you claimed to have received. See directions on the proof of claim form on page 41 ("You must also provide documentation such as bank records to show withdrawals, transfers, and deposits of funds, to the extent available.") Such records may be used to support your current position.

Sincerely,

Receivership Estate of EquityBuild, Inc., et al. c/o Rachlis Duff & Peel, LLC 542 S. Dearborn St., Suite 900 Chicago, IL 60605 312-733-3950 main 312-733-3952 fax equitybuildclaims@rdaplaw.net

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From: Therese Tibbits <theresetibbits@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2024 9:39 PM
To: EquityBuildClaims <equitybuildclaims@rdaplaw.net>
Subject: Re: SEC v. EquityBuild, Inc. - notice of filing of Receiver's Submission on Group 4 Claims

Dear Receiver,

It sounds to me like your understanding of my information is that I invested \$60,000 and was paid \$16,823.24 interest on that. That is not true. I invested \$60,000 but only received \$4,800 in interest and should have received \$16,823.24, which I calculated out from the time they stopped paying interest on my loan until it went into receivership. I did not receive \$16,823.24. I should have received **\$16,823.24 but they did not ever pay that out to me**.

I came in late to the scheme, not realizing it was an illegal Ponzi scheme intended to bilk me out of my investment and **I did receive \$4,800**, which is the amount that I understand would be deducted from my original investment. Please correct your records to show that interest I was paid was \$4,800 not \$16,823.24. Please let me know if you need documentation to show that.

Thank you so much for handling all of this as well as you could. Please let me know what the next steps are. Thank you.

Therese Tibbits 949-294-8245

On Wed, Mar 20, 2024 at 6:35 PM EquityBuildClaims <<u>equitybuildclaims@rdaplaw.net</u>> wrote:

Group 4 Claimants,

Attached please find the Receiver's Submission on Group 4 Claims that was filed with the Court today. Pursuant to the Court's March 1, 2024 order (attached for your convenience), claimants have an opportunity to submit an optional response or objection to the Receiver's Submission on or before April 10, 2024.

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From:	Peter Nuspl
То:	equitybuildclaims@rdaplaw.net
Subject:	Re: Peter Nuspl - RE: Properties in Group 4
Date:	Thursday, April 4, 2024 1:29:54 PM
Attachments:	Screenshot (62).png

Receiver and Cohorts

A) As to that large number, indeed it was requested in the Claims submissions; it is the (GRAND) Total of my Lending principal amounts to EBF.

That GRAND Total does not belong in the entry for the Total by all Lenders for each of my Lending Properties.

At the time of submissions, I did not have the Total for each individual Property;

the claims process advised that I did not need that to submit (on time).

I note the following:

1. Soon in the process the Receiver had full access to all EB/EBF records.

2. E. Kammerer was Shaun Cohen's right-hand go to:

S Cohen: "For accounting questions and anything related to money, you'll contact Elizabeth Kammerer at (877) 978-1916 Ext. 1804."

The Receiver hired E. Kammerer !! So, he had access to all info: BEFORE and AFTER the Ponzi case was established.

3. When I first found that GRAND Total with each of my Properties, I asked for a correction of that "clerical error".

4. I provided a complete list of <u>individual Property Totals</u>, estimates calculated from the percentages and amounts of Lenders.

I request that the Receiver provide closure on this issue.

B) Also, the information in the attachments is not legible, and that specific information is not available to be printed for view by other means.

See the attached screenshot.

and, very important;

C) The listings of the Properties in Groups are from mid 2023.

Please provide an up-to-date listing,

in particular, for Group 10 (which then had no entry).

One of my Properties was put into Group 10 without adequate explanation: Why is it in that category?

Timely responses are essential. with regards, Peter P Nuspl PhD

On Thu, Apr 4, 2024 at 6:08 AM <<u>equitybuildclaims@rdaplaw.net</u>> wrote:

Mr. Nuspl,

The information in the Receiver's reports were taken directly from your Proof of Claim form, in which you indicated that \$1,123,278.00 was the total amount you invested with EquityBuild, which was rolled to the SSDF4 fund.

The "codes" at the end of the ends of each record are claims numbers, as indicated in the column's heading. They were assigned by the Receiver. The prefix is the asset number.

We added column "Amount Invested in Property as per Supporting Docs" in the Receiver's reports to be used only when claimants failed to include this amount in their proof of claim, but the Receiver's team was able to obtain the information from the claimant's supporting documents.

Since you filled out the proof of claim form correctly, there is nothing in the "Amount Invested in Property as per Supporting Docs" field.

Please note, the Receiver submitted his recommendation regarding Group 4 properties. It is attached for your convenience.

Please note that pursuant to the attached Court order, you have an opportunity to submit to the Court a response or objection to the Receiver's Submission on or before April 10, 2024.

As to your separate email regarding Group 6 – the claims process begun on April 1, 2024. We notified you about it via email on April 1, 2024.

Also, attached for your convenience is the Receiver's Proposal Regarding Remaining Claims Groups.

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From: Peter Nuspl <<u>nusplpeter40@gmail.com</u>> Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 11:58 AM To: <u>equitybuildclaims@rdaplaw.net</u> Subject: Properties in Group 4

Receiver:

Here are listings for two Properties in Group 4.

This displays best in full screen mode.

Heading Master Claims List (Group 4)

Property Number Property Address Alternative Address Type Claimant Name Claimed Amount (Total Claimed Amount in Claim Category as Identified on Claim Form)

Claim Category as Identified on Claim Form Amount Claimed to be Invested in Property Amount Invested in Property as per Supporting Docs Claim Number

71 701-13 S 5th Avenue 414 Walnut Estate Property The Jacqueline C Rowe Living Trust \$ 372,417.74 Investor-Lender \$ 50,000.00 71-139 71 701-13 S 5th Avenue 414 Walnut Estate Property The Peter Paul Nuspl Living Trust \$ 1,123,278.00 Investor-Lender \$ 100,000.00 71-2044 These two Properties are in RE Notes with EBF.

They were processed by EBF staff in the same way, same days and stored by EBF; both were transferred to Legacy SSDF-4 by EBF.

Both are in Living Trusts.

Jacqueline C Rowe was my life partner.

Why are they listed differently? What are those codes at the end of the ends of each record: 71-139, 71-2044.

Why is Jackie's under "Amount Invested.. as per Supporting Docs" 71-139? and Why is mine under "Claimed to be Invested" 71-2044?

I was never informed of any deficiency in my claim on this property.

I note that the "Total Claimed Amount" for my Property is still shown as \$1,123,278.00, a GRAND Total; <u>that is incorrect.</u>

I have previously told you about that and the Total for this Property.

Is that a factor in the category that is shown?

I have provided a likely estimated Total <u>for that particular Property</u>, and for all others in my Lending to EBF.

That Total should be the same as in Jackie's "Total Claimed Amount": the same Property.

I understand that the Receiver's Process should inform me of such processing steps.

Please advise ASAP so that categories will be correct.

Peter P Nuspl

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Jackie Rowe's info is identified as "71-139". Is that RE Note in Group 10? My info is identified as "71-2044". <u>Why is this different from Jackie's?</u> You have never explained why that Property is unsecured and why it's in Group 10. It was transferred to SSDF4 by EBF with a new composite mortgage for 12 Properties, as reported in my Claim.

There remains an important issue:

There remains an important issue: The original individual mortgage was never closed. The new composite mortgage was in effect well before the Ponzi theft was declared. From your info above: "\$1,123,278.00 is the "Total amount you loaned to the Receivership Defendants" " Your records persist with the entry \$1,123,278 which is the GRAND Total; and the same amount is listed in all of my Properties. The correct amount for this Property is likely \$37,241,774 as in Jackei's information. In the Claims process, I did not know the totals for each individual Property, and that process said I should leave those blank. Some clerk filled in that number for all, NOT I. Please correct these values ! I had sent a set of likely values some time ago; and you have the records for all Properties.

AND, I repeat: Please send a list of all Properties in Group 10. Peter P Nuspl

On Wed, Apr 10, 2024 at 6:49 AM <equitybuildclaims@rdaplaw.net> wrote:

Mr. Nuspl:

Your claim is in Group 10 because your investments were rolled to the SSDF4 fund. Ms. Rowe's claim with respect to SSDF4 is also in Group 10.

Group 10 claims consist of claims relating to equity funds, unsecured notes, former properties and trade creditor or "other" types of claimants.

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From: Peter Nuspl <<u>nusplpeter40@gmail.com</u>> Sent: Monday, April 8, 2024 11:31 AM To: <u>equitybuildelaims@rdaplaw.net</u> Subject: Re: for clarity

ONCE AGAIN, THAT AMOUNT \$1,123,278 WAS ENTERED BY REQUEST OF YOUR PROCESS INSTRUCTIONS. IT IS THE GRAND TOTAL OF 12 RE NOTES

I have previously suggested a Total Amount for that Property; according to your records that is \$372,417.74; that is the correct entry for my case also

So, I ask: IS THAT THE REASON MY CLAIM IS IN GROUP 10?

I CONTEND THAT MY CLAIM IS THE SAME AS JACKIE'S. EXCEPT MINE IS \$100.000.

Please correct this now, and advise.

Also, please send an updated list of Claims in Group 10.

Peter P Nuspl

On Mon, Apr 8, 2024 at 7:06 AM <equitybuildclaims@rdaplaw.net> wrote:

Mr. Nuspl

\$372,417.74 is the "Total amount of claim (as of August 18, 2018)" that Ms. Rowe included in section 3A of her Proof of Claim form. Based on her Proof of Claim form we established her original loan in 701 S 5th Ave was

\$1,123,278.00 is the "Total amount you loaned to the Receivership Defendants" and \$100,000 is the amount of your original loan secured by 701 S 5th Ave that you included in section 3A of your Proof of Claim form

As to your earlier email. The Receiver's recommendation for your claim in Group 4 is as follows:

Claimant	Fiduciary	Claimant	Amount	Secured Claim	Unsecured	Pre-Rollover	Distributions	Source of	Total	Max	Max Potential	Receiver's
Name	Claim	Submissions	Claimed	Remaining	Claim (This	Distributions	Received on	Distribution	Distributions	Potential	Dist.	Recommendation
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Paul Nuspl			\$100,000.00									rollover this loan to
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The makeup and order of the groups was approved by the Court. Please note that your claim against SSDF4 will be a part of the claims process for Group 10.

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From: Peter Nuspl <<u>nusplpeter40@gmail.com</u>> Sent: Thursday, April 4, 2024 1:40 PM To: <u>equitybuildclaims@rdaplaw.net</u> Subject: for clarity

I am repeating my request about 2 Lendings for the same Property.

I must ask FOR CLARITY !

I repeat "Why is there this difference for me and Jackie on the same property?"

Lending at the same time?

71 701-13 S 5th Avenue 414 Walnut Estate Property The Jacqueline C Rowe Living Trust \$ 372,417.74 Investor-Lender \$ 50,000.00 71-139

71 701-13 S 5th Avenue 414 Walnut Estate Property The Peter Paul Nuspl Living Trust \$ 1,123,278.00 Investor-Lender \$ 100,000.00 71-2044

Peter P Nuspl

From:	Horst Filtzer
То:	equitybuildclaims@rdaplaw.net
Subject:	Re: Horst Filtzer - RE: SEC v. EquityBuild, Inc notice of filing of Receiver's Submission on Group 5 Claims
Date:	Thursday, March 21, 2024 1:34:49 PM

Thank you your reply. This process is never ending and every day it continues is less money for all us victims. I will literally be shocked if I receive a nickel from this "investment." You all will get paid handsomely however. I should have become an attorney instead of a soldier and police officer. Few people like the police these days so at least we have that in common.

Carry on,

Horst

On Thursday, March 21, 2024, 12:52 PM, equitybuildclaims@rdaplaw.net wrote:

Dear Mr. Filtzer,

We also received your voice message. We understand your frustration regarding the recommendation for the property at 5001 S Drexel Boulevard. We know that the Cohens' fraud has had its worst impact on individuals like you. Please understand that the recommendation to distribute funds to the secured lender in this instance was based on what the law requires. It is not based on who is more deserving or who has been harmed more.

It is accurate that claimants who are not receiving funds from the sale of this property may be eligible to receive a distribution from unsecured funds. It is also accurate that the Court will not determine how to distribute the unsecured funds in the EquityBuild Estate until after the secured claims have been resolved. Judge Shah and we are attempting to finish working on the secured claims by the end of this year. Unfortunately, that is the process that is required by both the law and the Court's orders.

Sincerely,

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From: Horst Filtzer <hfiltzer1@verizon.net>
Sent: Thursday, March 21, 2024 8:41 AM
To: EquityBuildClaims <equitybuildclaims@rdaplaw.net>
Subject: Re: SEC v. EquityBuild, Inc. - notice of filing of Receiver's Submission on Group 5 Claims

Hi Kevin,

I just left you a voicemail message that probably made little sense since I was so upset after reading your recommendations to the court. You haven't heard a word from me in almost five years since I didn't want to "further deplete the assets of the *EquityBuild* receivership." It seems your recommendation will make *Wilmington* whole at the expense of the investor / lenders. This is OUTRAGEOUS! We have waited long enough to get what little we can recover from this terrible Ponzi scheme. Meanwhile Shaun Cohen is a free man. Disgusting! I pray the court does the right thing and disregards your unjust recommendation.

Good day sir,

Horst Filtzer 781-844-6894

On Wednesday, March 20, 2024, 9:34 PM, EquityBuildClaims <<u>equitybuildclaims@rdaplaw.net</u>> wrote:

Group 5 Claimants,

Attached please find the Receiver's Submission on Group 5 Claims that was filed with the Court today. Pursuant to the Court's March 1, 2024 order (attached for your convenience), claimants have an opportunity to submit an optional response or objection to the Receiver's Submission on or before April 10, 2024.

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