## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION

) U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE ) COMMISSION, )	
) Plaintiff,	Civil Action No.
v. )	18-CV-5587
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) Defendants.	

# PLAINTIFF SEC'S MOTION FOR ENTRY OF JUDGMENT, BY CONSENT, OF PERMANENT INJUNCTIONS AND OTHER RELIEF

Plaintiff U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") hereby moves the Court to enter, by consent, the proposed Judgment ("Proposed Judgment") as to Defendants Jerome H. Cohen and Shaun D. Cohen (the "Cohen Defendants"). A copy of the Proposed Judgment, which the Cohen Defendants consent to the Court entering, is attached hereto as Exhibit 1. In support of its motion, the SEC states as follows:

1. The SEC's Complaint alleges that the Cohen Defendants engaged in an offering fraud scheme involving Chicago real estate. (Docket No. 1).

2. The SEC and the Cohen Defendants have agreed, in partial settlement of the SEC's claims, to entry of the Proposed Judgment. Attached as Exhibits 2 and 3 are Consents signed by the Cohen Defendants in which they agree to: (a) the relief sought in the Proposed Judgment, and (b) the continuation, pending the final disposition of this case, of the Receivership and the preliminary injunction against the Cohen Defendants raising money from investors.

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3. The Proposed Judgment eliminates the need for a preliminary injunction hearing or to litigate the merits of the Cohen Defendants' liability. It also permanently enjoins them from violations of each of the provisions of the federal securities laws at issue in the Complaint.

4. The Proposed Judgment provides that the remaining relief sought by the SEC – disgorgement, prejudgment interest, and civil penalties – shall be resolved by the Court at a later date. For the purpose of that determination, the parties agree that the Court would accept the allegations in the Complaint as true. This type of partial settlement, a regular form of resolution in SEC enforcement actions, is often referred to as a "bifurcated" settlement. *See, e.g., SEC v. Zenergy Int'l, Inc.*, 2016 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 127630 (N.D. Ill. Sept. 20, 2016); *SEC v. Goyal*, Case No. 14-cv-3900, Docket No. 8 (N.D. Ill. May 28, 2014); *SEC v. Resources Planning Group, Inc.*, Case No. 12-cv-9509, Docket No. 51 (N.D. Ill. Sept. 29, 2014); *SEC v. Merendon Mining Inc.*, 2012 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 195584 (W.D. Wash. Oct. 30, 2012); *SEC v. Integrity Fin. AZ, LLC*, 2012 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 6758 (N.D. Ohio Jan. 20, 2012); *SEC v. Universal Express, Inc.*, 646 F. Supp. 2d 552 (S.D.N.Y. 2009), *aff*"d 438 Fed. Appx. 23 (2d Cir. 2011); *SEC v. Providence Fin. Investments, Inc.*, Case No. 16-cv-1877-SRN-FLN, Docket 90 (D. Minn. Oct. 4, 2016).

5. In their Consents, the Cohen Defendants agree that the SEC "may present the [Proposed] Judgment to the Court for signature and entry without further notice." (Ex. 2,  $\P$  16; Ex. 3,  $\P$  16).

WHEREFORE, for the reasons cited above, the SEC respectfully requests that the Court grant this motion and enter the Proposed Judgment.

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Dated: August 23, 2018

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Benjamin Hanauer

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# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I provided service of the foregoing motion, via ECF filing, to all

counsel of record on August 23, 2018.

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) Defendants. )	

## JUDGMENT AS TO DEFENDANTS JEROME H. COHEN AND SHAUN D. COHEN

Plaintiff U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission having filed a Complaint and Defendants Jerome H. Cohen and Shaun D. Cohen ("Defendants") having entered a general appearance; consented to the Court's jurisdiction over Defendants and the subject matter of this action; consented to entry of this Judgment without admitting or denying the allegations of the Complaint (except as to jurisdiction and except as otherwise provided herein in paragraph VI); waived findings of fact and conclusions of law; and waived any right to appeal from this Judgment:

I.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Defendants are permanently restrained and enjoined from violating, directly or indirectly, Section 10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act") [15 U.S.C. § 78j(b)] and Rule 10b-5 promulgated thereunder [17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5], by using any means or instrumentality of

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interstate commerce, or of the mails, or of any facility of any national securities exchange, in connection with the purchase or sale of any security:

- (a) to employ any device, scheme, or artifice to defraud;
- (b) to make any untrue statement of a material fact or to omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements made, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; or
- (c) to engage in any act, practice, or course of business which operates or would operate as a fraud or deceit upon any person.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that, as provided in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 65(d)(2), the foregoing paragraph also binds the following who receive actual notice of this Judgment by personal service or otherwise: (a) Defendants' officers, agents, servants, employees, and attorneys; and (b) other persons in active concert or participation with Defendants or with anyone described in (a).

#### II.

#### IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that

Defendants are permanently restrained and enjoined from violating Section 17(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 (the "Securities Act") [15 U.S.C. § 77q(a)] in the offer or sale of any security by the use of any means or instruments of transportation or communication in interstate commerce or by use of the mails, directly or indirectly:

- (a) to employ any device, scheme, or artifice to defraud;
- (b) to obtain money or property by means of any untrue statement of a material fact or any omission of a material fact necessary in order to make the statements

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made, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; or

(c) to engage in any transaction, practice, or course of business which operates or would operate as a fraud or deceit upon the purchaser.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that, as provided in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 65(d)(2), the foregoing paragraph also binds the following who receive actual notice of this Judgment by personal service or otherwise: (a) Defendants' officers, agents, servants, employees, and attorneys; and (b) other persons in active concert or participation with Defendants or with anyone described in (a).

# III.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Defendants are permanently restrained and enjoined from violating Section 5 of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. § 77e] by, directly or indirectly, in the absence of any applicable exemption:

- Unless a registration statement is in effect as to a security, making use of any means or instruments of transportation or communication in interstate commerce or of the mails to sell such security through the use or medium of any prospectus or otherwise;
- (b) Unless a registration statement is in effect as to a security, carrying or causing to be carried through the mails or in interstate commerce, by any means or instruments of transportation, any such security for the purpose of sale or for delivery after sale; or
- (c) Making use of any means or instruments of transportation or communication in interstate commerce or of the mails to offer to sell or offer to buy through the use

or medium of any prospectus or otherwise any security, unless a registration statement has been filed with the Commission as to such security, or while the registration statement is the subject of a refusal order or stop order or (prior to the effective date of the registration statement) any public proceeding or examination under Section 8 of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. § 77h].

# IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that, as provided in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 65(d)(2), the foregoing paragraph also binds the following who receive actual notice of this Judgment by personal service or otherwise: (a) Defendants' officers, agents, servants, employees, and attorneys; and (b) other persons in active concert or participation with Defendants or with anyone described in (a).

#### IV.

### IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that

Defendants shall pay disgorgement of ill-gotten gains, prejudgment interest thereon, and a civil penalty pursuant to Section 20(d) of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. § 77t(d)] and Section 21(d)(3) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78u(d)(3)]. The Court shall determine the amounts of the disgorgement and civil penalty upon motion of the Commission. Prejudgment interest shall be calculated from August 15, 2013, based on the rate of interest used by the Internal Revenue Service for the underpayment of federal income tax as set forth in 26 U.S.C. § 6621(a)(2). In connection with the Commission's motion for disgorgement and/or civil penalties, and at any hearing held on such a motion: (a) Defendants will be precluded from arguing that they did not violate the federal securities laws as alleged in the Complaint; (b) Defendants may not challenge the validity of the Consent or this Judgment; (c) solely for the purposes of such motion, the allegations of the Complaint shall be accepted as and deemed true by the Court; and (d) the

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Court may determine the issues raised in the motion on the basis of affidavits, declarations, excerpts of sworn deposition or investigative testimony, and documentary evidence, without regard to the standards for summary judgment contained in Rule 56(c) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. In connection with the Commission's motion for disgorgement and/or civil penalties, the parties may take discovery, including discovery from appropriate non-parties.

V.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that the Consent is incorporated herein with the same force and effect as if fully set forth herein, and that Defendants shall comply with all of the undertakings and agreements set forth therein.

VI.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that, solely for purposes of exceptions to discharge set forth in Section 523 of the Bankruptcy Code, 11 U.S.C. §523, the allegations in the complaint are true and admitted by Defendants, and further, any debt for disgorgement, prejudgment interest, civil penalty or other amounts due by Defendants under this Judgment or any other judgment, order, consent order, decree or settlement agreement entered in connection with this proceeding, is a debt for the violation by Defendants of the federal securities laws or any regulation or order issued under such laws, as set forth in Section 523(a)(19) of the Bankruptcy Code, 11 U.S.C. §523(a)(19).

#### VII.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that this Court shall retain jurisdiction of this matter for the purposes of enforcing the terms of this Judgment.

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# VIII.

There being no just reason for delay, pursuant to Rule 54(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Clerk is ordered to enter this Judgment forthwith and without further notice.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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FINANCE, LLC, JEROME H. COHEN, and	)	
SHAUN D. COHEN,	)	
	)	
Defendants.	)	
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#### **CONSENT OF DEFENDANTS JEROME H. COHEN AND SHAUN D. COHEN**

1. Defendants Jerome H. Cohen and Shaun D. Cohen ("Defendants") waive service of a summons and the complaint in this action, enter a general appearance, and admit the Court's jurisdiction over Defendants and over the subject matter of this action.

2. Without admitting or denying the allegations of the complaint (except as provided herein in paragraph 14 and except as to personal and subject matter jurisdiction, which Defendants admit), Defendants hereby consent to the entry of the Judgment in the form attached hereto (the "Judgment") and incorporated by reference herein, which, among other things:

(a) permanently restrains and enjoins Defendant from violation of Sections 5(a), 5(c), and 17(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 (the "Securities Act") [15 U.S.C. § 77e(a) and (c) and § 77q(a)] and Section 10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act") [15 U.S.C. §78j(b)] and Rule 10b-5 thereunder [17 C.F.R. 240.10b-5];

- (b) pending the final disposition of this action, preliminarily restrains and enjoins Defendants from, directly or indirectly, soliciting any new investors or accepting additional funds from existing investors; and
- (c) provides that the Court shall determine the appropriate amount of disgorgement of ill-gotten gains, prejudgment interest thereon, and a civil penalty to order pursuant to Section 20(d) of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. § 77t(d)] and Section 21(d)(3) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78u(d)(3)].

3. Defendants hereby consent to (a) the Order Appointing Receiver [Docket No. 16] and (b) the terms of that Order continuing through the final disposition of this action. Defendants further consent to the terms of the asset freeze entered by the Court [Docket No. 15, § IX] continuing until further order of the Court. Defendants reserve their rights to seek relief from the asset freeze, and acknowledge that the SEC reserves its rights to oppose any such request.

4. Defendants agree that the Court shall order disgorgement of ill-gotten gains, prejudgment interest thereon, and a civil penalty pursuant to Section 20(d) of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. § 77t(d)] and Section 21(d)(3) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78u(d)(3)]. Defendants further agree that the amounts of the disgorgement and civil penalty shall be determined by the Court upon motion of the Commission, and that prejudgment interest shall be calculated based on the rate of interest used by the Internal Revenue Service for the underpayment of federal income tax as set forth in 26 U.S.C. § 6621(a)(2). Defendants further agree that in connection with the Commission's motion for disgorgement and/or civil penalties, and at any hearing held on such a motion: (a) Defendants will be precluded from arguing that

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they did not violate the federal securities laws as alleged in the Complaint; (b) Defendants may not challenge the validity of this Consent or the Judgment; (c) solely for the purposes of such motion, the allegations of the Complaint shall be accepted as and deemed true by the Court; and (d) the Court may determine the issues raised in the motion on the basis of affidavits, declarations, excerpts of sworn deposition or investigative testimony, and documentary evidence, without regard to the standards for summary judgment contained in Rule 56(c) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. In connection with the Commission's motion for disgorgement and/or civil penalties, the parties may take discovery, including discovery from appropriate non-parties.

5. Defendants acknowledge that the civil penalty paid pursuant to the Judgment may be distributed pursuant to the Fair Fund provisions of Section 308(a) of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. Defendants agree to pay all costs incurred under any plan for the distribution of the disgorgement and civil penalty, including but not limited to any taxes owed by the fund, and all fees and expenses of any Court-appointed fund administrator, Court-appointed tax administrator, and/or experts retained. Regardless of whether any such Fair Fund distribution is made, the civil penalty shall be treated as a penalty paid to the government for all purposes, including all tax purposes. To preserve the deterrent effect of the civil penalty, Defendants agree that they shall not, after offset or reduction of any award of compensatory damages in any related investor action based on Defendants' payment of disgorgement in this action, argue that they are entitled to, nor shall they further benefit by, offset or reduction of such compensatory damages award by the amount of any part of Defendants' payment of a civil penalty in this action ("Penalty Offset"). If the court in any related investor action grants such a Penalty Offset, Defendants agree that they shall, within 30 days after entry of a final order granting the Penalty Offset, notify the Commission's counsel in this action and pay the amount of the Penalty Offset to the United

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States Treasury or to a Fair Fund, as the Commission directs. Such a payment shall not be deemed an additional civil penalty and shall not be deemed to change the amount of the civil penalty imposed in this action. For purposes of this paragraph, a "related investor action" means a private damages action brought against Defendants by or on behalf of one or more investors based on substantially the same facts as alleged in the Complaint in this action.

6. Defendants agree that they shall not seek or accept, directly or indirectly, reimbursement or indemnification from any source, including but not limited to payment made pursuant to any insurance policy, with regard to any civil penalty amounts that Defendants pay pursuant to the Judgment, regardless of whether such penalty amounts or any part thereof are added to a distribution fund or otherwise used for the benefit of investors. Defendants further agree that they shall not claim, assert, or apply for a tax deduction or tax credit with regard to any federal, state, or local tax for any penalty amounts that Defendants pay pursuant to the Judgment, regardless of whether such penalty amounts that Defendants pay pursuant to the distribution fund or otherwise used for the benefit of investors.

 Defendants waive the entry of findings of fact and conclusions of law pursuant to Rule 52 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

8. Defendants waive the right, if any, to a jury trial and to appeal from the entry of the Judgment.

9. Defendants enter into this Consent voluntarily and represents that no threats, offers, promises, or inducements of any kind have been made by the Commission or any member, officer, employee, agent, or representative of the Commission to induce Defendants to enter into this Consent.

10. Defendants agree that this Consent shall be incorporated into the Judgment with

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the same force and effect as if fully set forth therein.

11. Defendants will not oppose the enforcement of the Judgment on the ground, if any exists, that it fails to comply with Rule 65(d) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and hereby waives any objection based thereon.

12. Defendants waive service of the Judgment and agree that entry of the Judgment by the Court and filing with the Clerk of the Court will constitute notice to Defendants of its terms and conditions. Defendants further agree to provide counsel for the Commission, within thirty days after the Judgment is filed with the Clerk of the Court, with an affidavit or declaration stating that Defendants have received and read a copy of the Judgment.

13. Consistent with 17 C.F.R. 202.5(f), this Consent resolves only the claims asserted against Defendants in this civil proceeding. Defendants acknowledge that no promise or representation has been made by the Commission or any member, officer, employee, agent, or representative of the Commission with regard to any criminal liability that may have arisen or may arise from the facts underlying this action or immunity from any such criminal liability. Defendants waive any claim of Double Jeopardy based upon the settlement of this proceeding, including the imposition of any remedy or civil penalty herein. Defendants further acknowledge that the Court's entry of a permanent injunction may have collateral consequences under federal or state law and the rules and regulations of self-regulatory organizations, licensing boards, and other regulatory organizations. Such collateral consequences include, but are not limited to, a statutory disqualification with respect to membership or participation in, or association with a member of, a self-regulatory organization. This statutory disqualification has consequences that are separate from any sanction imposed in an administrative proceeding. In addition, in any disciplinary proceeding before the Commission based on the entry of the injunction in this

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action, Defendants understand that they shall not be permitted to contest the factual allegations of the complaint in this action.

14. Defendants understand and agree to comply with the terms of 17 C.F.R. § 202.5(e), which provides in part that it is the Commission's policy "not to permit a defendant or respondent to consent to a judgment or order that imposes a sanction while denying the allegations in the complaint or order for proceedings," and "a refusal to admit the allegations is equivalent to a denial, unless the defendant or respondent states that he neither admits nor denies the allegations." As part of Defendants' agreement to comply with the terms of Section 202.5(e), Defendants: (i) will not take any action or make or permit to be made any public statement denying, directly or indirectly, any allegation in the complaint or creating the impression that the complaint is without factual basis; (ii) will not make or permit to be made any public statement to the effect that Defendants do not admit the allegations of the complaint, or that this Consent contains no admission of the allegations, without also stating that Defendants do not deny the allegations; (iii) upon the filing of this Consent, Defendants hereby withdraw any papers filed in this action to the extent that they deny any allegation in the complaint; and (iv) stipulate solely for purposes of exceptions to discharge set forth in Section 523 of the Bankruptcy Code, 11 U.S.C. §523, that the allegations in the complaint are true, and further, that any debt for disgorgement, prejudgment interest, civil penalty or other amounts due by Defendants under the Judgment or any other judgment, order, consent order, decree or settlement agreement entered in connection with this proceeding, is a debt for the violation by Defendants of the federal securities laws or any regulation or order issued under such laws, as set forth in Section 523(a)(19) of the Bankruptcy Code, 11 U.S.C. §523(a)(19). If Defendants breach this agreement, the Commission may petition the Court to vacate the Judgment and restore this action to its active docket.

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Nothing in this paragraph affects Defendants': (i) testimonial obligations; or (ii) right to take legal or factual positions in litigation or other legal proceedings in which the Commission is not a party.

15. Defendants hereby waive any rights under the Equal Access to Justice Act, the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996, or any other provision of law to seek from the United States, or any agency, or any official of the United States acting in his or her official capacity, directly or indirectly, reimbursement of attorney's fees or other fees, expenses, or costs expended by Defendants to defend against this action. For these purposes, Defendants agrees that Defendants are not the prevailing party in this action since the parties have reached a good faith settlement.

Defendants agree that the Commission may present the Judgment to the Court for 16. signature and entry without further notice.

Defendants agree that this Court shall retain jurisdiction over this matter for the 17. purpose of enforcing the terms of the Judgment.

Dated: 8/22/18

Jerome H. Cohen

Dated:

Shaun D. Cohen

On August 22, 2018, Derane H Cohen \_\_\_\_, a person known to me, personally appeared before me and acknowledged executing the foregoing Consent.

Notary Public Commission expires: (C/01/201)

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Approved as to form:

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Mark L. Rosenberg, Esq. Attorney for Defendants

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- (b) pending the final disposition of this action, preliminarily restrains and enjoins Defendants from, directly or indirectly, soliciting any new investors or accepting additional funds from existing investors; and
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States Treasury or to a Fair Fund, as the Commission directs. Such a payment shall not be deemed an additional civil penalty and shall not be deemed to change the amount of the civil penalty imposed in this action. For purposes of this paragraph, a "related investor action" means a private damages action brought against Defendants by or on behalf of one or more investors based on substantially the same facts as alleged in the Complaint in this action.

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11. Defendants will not oppose the enforcement of the Judgment on the ground, if any exists, that it fails to comply with Rule 65(d) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and hereby waives any objection based thereon.

12. Defendants waive service of the Judgment and agree that entry of the Judgment by the Court and filing with the Clerk of the Court will constitute notice to Defendants of its terms and conditions. Defendants further agree to provide counsel for the Commission, within thirty days after the Judgment is filed with the Clerk of the Court, with an affidavit or declaration stating that Defendants have received and read a copy of the Judgment.

13. Consistent with 17 C.F.R. 202.5(f), this Consent resolves only the claims asserted against Defendants in this civil proceeding. Defendants acknowledge that no promise or representation has been made by the Commission or any member, officer, employee, agent, or representative of the Commission with regard to any criminal liability that may have arisen or may arise from the facts underlying this action or immunity from any such criminal liability. Defendants waive any claim of Double Jeopardy based upon the settlement of this proceeding, including the imposition of any remedy or civil penalty herein. Defendants further acknowledge that the Court's entry of a permanent injunction may have collateral consequences under federal or state law and the rules and regulations of self-regulatory organizations, licensing boards, and other regulatory organizations. Such collateral consequences include, but are not limited to, a statutory disqualification with respect to membership or participation in, or association with a member of, a self-regulatory organization. This statutory disqualification has consequences that are separate from any sanction imposed in an administrative proceeding. In addition, in any disciplinary proceeding before the Commission based on the entry of the injunction in this

action, Defendants understand that they shall not be permitted to contest the factual allegations of the complaint in this action.

Defendants understand and agree to comply with the terms of 17 C.F.R. 14. § 202.5(e), which provides in part that it is the Commission's policy "not to permit a defendant or respondent to consent to a judgment or order that imposes a sanction while denying the allegations in the complaint or order for proceedings," and "a refusal to admit the allegations is equivalent to a denial, unless the defendant or respondent states that he neither admits nor denies the allegations." As part of Defendants' agreement to comply with the terms of Section 202.5(e), Defendants: (i) will not take any action or make or permit to be made any public statement denying, directly or indirectly, any allegation in the complaint or creating the impression that the complaint is without factual basis; (ii) will not make or permit to be made any public statement to the effect that Defendants do not admit the allegations of the complaint, or that this Consent contains no admission of the allegations, without also stating that Defendants do not deny the allegations; (iii) upon the filing of this Consent. Defendants hereby withdraw any papers filed in this action to the extent that they deny any allegation in the complaint; and (iv) stipulate solely for purposes of exceptions to discharge set forth in Section 523 of the Bankruptcy Code, 11 U.S.C. §523, that the allegations in the complaint are true, and further, that any debt for disgorgement, prejudgment interest, civil penalty or other amounts due by Defendants under the Judgment or any other judgment, order, consent order, decree or settlement agreement entered in connection with this proceeding, is a debt for the violation by Defendants of the federal securities laws or any regulation or order issued under such laws, as set forth in Section 523(a)(19) of the Bankruptey Code, 11 U.S.C. §523(a)(19). If Defendants breach this agreement, the Commission may petition the Court to vacate the Judgment and restore this action to its active docket.

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Nothing in this paragraph affects Defendants': (i) testimonial obligations; or (ii) right to take legal or factual positions in litigation or other legal proceedings in which the Commission is not a party.

15. Defendants hereby waive any rights under the Equal Access to Justice Act, the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996, or any other provision of law to seek from the United States, or any agency, or any official of the United States acting in his or her official capacity, directly or indirectly, reimbursement of attorney's fees or other fees, expenses, or costs expended by Defendants to defend against this action. For these purposes, Defendants agrees that Defendants are not the prevailing party in this action since the parties have reached a good faith settlement.

 Defendants agree that the Commission may present the Judgment to the Court for signature and entry without further notice.

 Defendants agree that this Court shall retain jurisdiction over this matter for the purpose of enforcing the terms of the Judgment.

Dated:\_\_\_\_\_

Dated:

Jerome II. Cohen

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Shaun D. Cohen

On August \_\_, 2018, \_\_\_\_\_\_, a person known to me, personally appeared before me and acknowledged executing the foregoing Consent.

Notary Public Commission expires: Approved as to form:

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Mark L. Rosenberg, Esq. Attorney for Defendants

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