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11	WESTERN DISTRICT OF W	ASHINGTON
12	SEATTLE DIVISION	ON
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14	SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION,	Civil Action No. C-15-1350-JLR
15	Plaintiff,	
16	VS.	
17	PATH AMERICA, LLC; PATH AMERICA SNOCO LLC; PATH AMERICA FARMER'S MARKET, LP;	<del>[PROPOSED]</del> ORDER APPOINTING RECEIVER
18	PATH AMERICA KINGCO LLC; PATH AMERICA TOWER, LP: PATH TOWER	
19	SEATTLE, LP; POTALÁ TOWER SEATTLE, LLC; and LOBSANG DARGEY,	
20	Defendants, and	
21	POTALA SHORELINE, LLC; and POTALA VILLAGE KIRKLAND, LLC,	
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23	Relief Defendants.	
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This matter came before the Court on the motion of plaintiff Securities and Exchange
Commission (the "Commission" or "SEC") for an order appointing a temporary receiver over
the entities Path America, LLC; Path America SnoCo LLC; Path America Farmer's Market,
LP; Path America KingCo LLC; Path America Tower, LP; Path Tower Seattle, LP; and Potala
Tower Seattle, LLC (collectively "Entity Defendants"), and over Potala Shoreline, LLC and
Potala Village Kirkland, LLC (collectively "Relief Defendants"). The Court has considered
the Commission's Motion for Appointment of Receiver and the Declarations of Michael D.
Foley, Bernard B. Smyth, Susan F. LaMarca filed therewith; as well as the previously filed
papers in this case (including the Commission's Motion for Temporary Restraining Order and
the supporting Declarations); any responses thereto; and the record in these proceedings
before the Court.

On the basis of this record, the Court finds that the appointment of a receiver in this action is necessary and appropriate for the purposes of marshaling and preserving all assets of the Defendants, and of the Relief Defendants that: (a) are attributable to funds derived from investors or clients of the Defendants; (b) are held in constructive trust for the Defendants; (c) were fraudulently transferred by the Defendants; and/or (d) may otherwise be includable as assets of the estates of the Defendants (collectively, the "Recoverable Assets");

### THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED THAT:

- 1. The Commission's Motion for Appointment of a Receiver is GRANTED
- 2. The Court hereby takes exclusive jurisdiction and possession of the assets, of whatever kind and wherever situated, of Defendants Path America, LLC; Path America SnoCo LLC; Path America Farmer's Market, LP; Path America KingCo LLC; Path America Tower, LP; Path Tower Seattle, LP; and Potala Tower Seattle, LLC (collectively "Receivership Defendants"); and of Relief Defendants Potala Shoreline, LLC and Potala Village Kirkland, LLC (collectively "Receivership Relief Defendants").

3. Until further Order of this Court, Michael A. Grassmueck of the Grassmueck Group is hereby appointed to serve without bond as receiver (the "Receiver") for the estates of the Receivership Defendants and Receivership Relief Defendants.

### I. General Powers and Duties of Receiver

- 4. The Receiver shall have all powers, authorities, rights and privileges heretofore possessed by the officers, directors, managers and general and limited partners of the Receivership Defendants and the Receivership Relief Defendants under applicable state and federal law, by the governing charters, by-laws, articles and/or agreements in addition to all powers and authority of a receiver at equity, and all powers conferred upon a receiver by the provisions of 28 U.S.C. §§ 754, 959 and 1692, and Fed. R. Civ. Proc. 66.
- 5. The trustees, directors, officers, managers, employees, investment advisors, accountants, attorneys and other agents of the Receivership Defendants and Receivership Relief Defendants are hereby dismissed and the powers of any general partners, directors and/or managers are hereby suspended. Such persons and entities shall have no authority with respect to the Receivership Defendants' or the Receivership Relief Defendants operations or assets, except to the extent as may hereafter be expressly granted by the Receiver. The Receiver shall assume and control the operation of the Receivership Defendants and the Receivership Relief Defendants and shall pursue and preserve all of their claims.
- 6. No person holding or claiming any position of any sort with any of the Receivership Defendants or the Receivership Relief Defendants shall possess any authority to act by or on behalf of any of the Receivership Defendants or the Receivership Relief Defendants.
- 7. Subject to the specific provisions in Sections III through XIII, below, the Receiver shall have the following general powers and duties:
  - A. To use reasonable efforts to determine the nature, location and value of all property interests of the Receivership Defendants and of the Receivership Relief Defendants, including, but not limited to, monies, funds, securities, credits, effects, goods, chattels, lands, premises, leases, claims, rights and other assets, together with all rents, profits, dividends, interest or other income attributable thereto, of whatever kind, which the Receivership Defendants or the Receivership Relief Defendants own, possess, have a beneficial interest in,

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or control directly or indirectly ("Receivership Property" or, collectively, the

1		"Receivership Estates");				
2	and records rele Receivership Re take into posses relevant thereto	B. To take custody, control and possession of all Receivership Property and records relevant thereto from the Receivership Defendants and from the				
3		Receivership Relief Defendants; to sue for and collect, recover, receive and take into possession from third parties all Receivership Property and records				
4		relevant thereto; and pursuant to Local Rules W.D. Wash. LCR 66(a), to prepare and file an inventory with the Court within 20 days or as soon as				
5		practicable after appointment;				
6 7		C. To manage, control, operate and maintain the Receivership Estates and hold in his possession, custody and control all Receivership Property, pending further Order of this Court;				
9		D. To use Receivership Property for the benefit of the Receivership Estates, making payments and disbursements and incurring expenses as may be necessary or advisable in the ordinary course of business in discharging his duties as Receiver;				
10 11 12		E. To take any action which, prior to the entry of this Order, could have been taken by the officers, directors, partners, managers, trustees and agents of the Receivership Defendants or of the Receivership Relief Defendants;				
13		F. To engage and employ persons in his discretion to assist him in carrying out his duties and responsibilities hereunder, including, but not limited to, accountants, attorneys, securities traders, registered representatives,				
14 15		financial or business advisers, liquidating agents, real estate agents, forensic experts, brokers, traders or auctioneers;				
16		G. To take such action as necessary and appropriate for the preservation of Receivership Property or to prevent the dissipation or concealment of Receivership Property;				
17 18		H. The Receiver is authorized to issue subpoenas for documents and testimony consistent with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure;				
19 20		I. To bring such legal actions based on law or equity in any state, federal, or foreign court as the Receiver deems necessary or appropriate in discharging his duties as Receiver:				
21		J. To pursue, resist and defend all suits, actions, claims and demands				
22		which may now be pending or which may be brought by or asserted against the Receivership Estates; and,				
23		K. To take such other action as may be approved by this Court.				
24		II. Access to Information				
25	8.	The individual Receivership Defendants and Receivership Relief Defendants				
26	and the past and/or present officers, directors, agents, managers, general and limited partners,					
27	trustees, attorneys, accountants and employees of the Receivership Defendants and					
28	Receivership	Relief Defendants, as well as those acting in their place, are hereby ordered and				
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directed to preserve and turn over to the Receiver forthwith all paper and electronic information of, and/or relating to, the Receivership Defendants, the Receivership Relief Defendants, and/or all Receivership Property; such information shall include but not be limited to books, records, documents, accounts and all other instruments and papers. (See Addendum.)

- 9. Within fourteen (14) days of the entry of this Order, the Receivership
  Defendants and Receivership Relief Defendants shall file with the Court and serve upon the
  Receiver and the Commission a sworn statement, listing: (a) the identity, location and
  estimated value of all Receivership Property; (b) all employees (and job titles thereof), other
  personnel, attorneys, accountants and any other agents or contractors of the Receivership
  Defendants; and, (c) the names, addresses and amounts of claims of all known creditors of the
  Receivership Defendants.
- 10. Within thirty (30) days of the entry of this Order, the Receivership Defendants and Receivership Relief Defendants shall provide to the Receiver and the Commission copies of their respective federal income tax returns for the tax years 2011, 2012, 2013, and 2014 with all relevant and necessary underlying documentation.
- 11. The Receivership Defendants and Receivership Relief Defendants shall respond to all questions which the Receiver may put to them, and shall produce all documents as required by the Receiver regarding the business of the Receivership Defendants or Receivership Relief Defendants, or any other matter relevant to the operation or administration of the receivership or the collection of funds due to the Receivership Defendants or Receivership Relief Defendants. In the event that the Receiver deems it necessary to require the appearance of the entities or persons on their behalf, the Receiver shall make its discovery requests in accordance with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.
- 12. The Receivership Defendants and Receivership Relief Defendants are required to assist the Receiver in fulfilling his duties and obligations. As such, they must respond promptly and truthfully to all requests for information and documents from the Receiver.

#### III. Access to Books, Records and Accounts

13. The Receiver is authorized to take immediate possession of all assets, bank

accounts or other financial accounts, attorney trust accounts, books and records and all other
documents or instruments relating to the Receivership Defendants and Receivership Relief
Defendants. All persons and entities, including attorneys and other fiduciaries, having
control, custody or possession of any Receivership Property are hereby directed to turn such
property over to the Receiver. (See Addendum.)

- 14. The Receivership Defendants and Receivership Relief Defendants, as well as their respective agents, servants, employees, attorneys, any persons acting for or on behalf of the Receivership Defendants or Receivership Relief Defendants, and any persons receiving notice of this Order by personal service, facsimile transmission or otherwise, having possession of the property, business, books, records, accounts or assets of the Receivership Defendants or Receivership Relief Defendants are hereby directed to deliver the same to the Receiver, his agents and/or employees.
- 15. All banks, brokerage firms, financial institutions, and other persons or entities which have possession, custody or control of any assets or funds held by, in the name of, or for the benefit of, directly or indirectly, the Receivership Defendants or the Receivership Relief Defendants that receive actual notice of this Order by personal service, facsimile transmission or otherwise shall:
  - A. Not liquidate, transfer, sell, convey or otherwise transfer any assets, securities, funds, or accounts in the name of or for the benefit of the Receivership Defendants or of the Receivership Relief Defendants except upon instructions from the Receiver;
  - B. Not exercise any form of set-off, alleged set-off, lien, or any form of self-help whatsoever, or refuse to transfer any funds or assets to the Receiver's control without the permission of this Court;
  - C. Within five (5) business days of receipt of that notice, file with the Court and serve on the Receiver a certified statement setting forth, with respect to each such account or other asset, the balance in the account or description of the assets as of the close of business on the date of receipt of the notice; and,
  - D. Cooperate expeditiously in providing information and transferring funds, assets and accounts to the Receiver or at the direction of the Receiver.

### IV. Access to Real and Personal Property

- 16. The Receiver is authorized to take immediate possession of all personal property of the Receivership Defendants and of the Receivership Relief Defendants, wherever located, including but not limited to electronically stored information, computers, laptons, hard drives, external storage drives, personal digital assistants, smartphones, and any other such memory, media or electronic storage devices, and their respective, attendant passwords, as well as books, papers, data processing records, evidence of indebtedness, bank records and accounts, savings records and accounts, brokerage records and accounts, certificates of deposit, stocks, bonds, debentures, and other securities and investments, contracts, mortgages, furniture, office supplies and equipment. All persons and entities, including attorneys and other fiduciaries, having control, custody or possession of any of the personal property identified in this Order are hereby directed to turn such property over to the Receiver. See Addendum.
- 17. The Receiver is authorized to take immediate possession of all real property of the Receivership Defendants and Receivership Relief Defendants, wherever located, including but not limited to all ownership and leasehold interests and fixtures. Upon receiving actual notice of this Order by personal service, facsimile transmission or otherwise, all persons other than law enforcement officials acting within the course and scope of their official duties, are (without the express written permission of the Receiver) prohibited from: (a) entering such premises; (b) removing anything from such premises; or, (c) destroying, concealing or erasing anything on such premises.
- 18. In order to execute the express and implied terms of this Order, the Receiver is authorized to change door locks to the premises described above. The Receiver shall have exclusive control of the keys. The Receivership Defendants and Receivership Relief Defendants, or any other person acting or purporting to act on their behalf, are ordered not to change the locks in any manner, nor to have duplicate keys made, nor shall they have keys in their possession during the term of the receivership.
- 19. The Receiver is authorized to open all mail directed to or received by or at the offices or post office boxes of the Receivership Defendants and Receivership Relief

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27 28 l Defendants, and to inspect all mail opened prior to the entry of this Order, to determine whether items or information therein fall within the mandates of this Order.

### V. Notice to Third Parties

- 20. The Receiver shall promptly give notice of his appointment to all known officers, directors, agents, employees, shareholders, creditors, debtors, managers and general and limited partners of the Receivership Defendants and Receivership Relief Defendants, as the Receiver deems necessary or advisable to effectuate the operation of the receivership.
- 21. All persons and entities owing any obligation, debt, or distribution with respect to an ownership interest to any Receivership Defendant or to any Receivership Relief Defendant shall, until further ordered by this Court, pay all such obligations in accordance with the terms thereof to the Receiver and its receipt for such payments shall have the same force and effect as if the Receivership Defendant or and Receivership Relief Defendant had received such payment.
- 22. In furtherance of his responsibilities in this matter, the Receiver is authorized to communicate with, and/or serve this Order upon, any person, entity or government office that he deems appropriate to inform them of the status of this matter and/or the financial condition of the Receivership Estates. All government offices which maintain public files of security interests in real and personal property shall, consistent with such office's applicable procedures, record this Order upon the request of the Receiver or the SEC.
- 23. The Receiver is authorized to instruct the United States Postmaster to hold and/or reroute mail which is related, directly or indirectly, to the business, operations or activities of any of the Receivership Defendants or Receivership Relief Defendants (the "Receiver's Mail"), including all mail addressed to, or for the benefit of, the Receivership Defendants and Receivership Relief Defendants. The Postmaster shall not comply with, and shall immediately report to the Receiver, any change of address or other instruction given by anyone other than the Receiver concerning the Receiver's Mail. The Receivership Defendants and Receivership Relief Defendants shall not open any of the Receiver's Mail and shall immediately turn over such mail, regardless of when received, to the Receiver. The

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1	foregoing instructions shall apply to any proprietor, whether individual or entity, of any		
2	private mail box, depository, business or service, or mail courier or delivery service, hired,		
3	rented or used by the Receivership Defendants and Receivership Relief Defendants. The		
4	Receivership Defendants and Receivership Relief Defendants shall not open a new mailbox,		
5	or take any steps or make any arrangements to receive mail in contravention of this Order,		
6	whether through the U.S. mail, a private mail depository or courier service.		
7	24. Subject to payment for services provided, any entity furnishing water, electric,		
8	telephone, sewage, garbage or trash removal services to the Receivership Defendants or to the		
9	Receivership Relief Defendants shall maintain such service and transfer any such accounts to		
10	the Receiver unless instructed to the contrary by the Receiver.		
11	VI. Injunction Against Interference with Receiver		
12	25. The Receivership Defendants and Receivership Relief Defendants and all		
13	persons receiving notice of this Order by personal service, facsimile or otherwise, are hereby		
14	restrained and enjoined from directly or indirectly taking any action or causing any action to		
15	be taken, without the express written agreement of the Receiver, which would:		
16	A. Interfere with the Receiver's efforts to take control, possession, or		
17	management of any Receivership Property; such prohibited actions include but are not limited to, using self-help or executing or issuing or		
18	causing the execution or issuance of any court attachment, subpoena, replevin, execution, or other process for the purpose of impounding or		
19	taking possession of or interfering with or creating or enforcing a lien upon any Receivership Property;		
20	B. Hinder, obstruct or otherwise interfere with the Receiver in the		
21	performance of his duties; such prohibited actions include but are not limited to, concealing, destroying or altering records or information;		
22	C. Dissipate or otherwise diminish the value of any Receivership Property;		
23	such prohibited actions include but are not limited to, releasing claims or disposing, transferring, exchanging, assigning or in any way		
24	conveying any Receivership Property, enforcing judgments, assessments or claims against any Receivership Property or any		
25	Receivership Defendant or Receivership Relief Defendant, attempting to modify, cancel, terminate, call, extinguish, revoke or accelerate (the		

D. Interfere with or harass the Receiver, or interfere in any manner with

due date), of any lease, loan, mortgage, indebtedness, security agreement or other agreement executed by any Receivership Defendant

or Receivership Relief Defendant or which otherwise affects any

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the exclusive jurisdiction of this Court over the Receivership Estates.

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- 26. The Receivership Defendants and Receivership Relief Defendants shall cooperate with and assist the Receiver in the performance of his duties.
- 27. The Receiver shall promptly notify the Court and SEC counsel of any failure or apparent failure of any person or entity to comply in any way with the terms of this Order.
- 28. The Receivership Defendants and Relief Defendants shall immediately transfer to the Receiver all Receivership Property outside of the United States held jointly or singly or under their direct or indirect ownership or control, in whole or in part, with such Receivership Property to be transferred to one or more accounts as may be instructed by the Receiver or in such other manner as the Receiver may direct. The Receivership Defendants and Relief Defendants, their successors and assigns, and their officers, agents, servants, employees, affiliates, and attorneys, and all persons in active concert or participation with them, are hereby enjoined from taking any action, directly or indirectly, which may result in the encumbrance or dissipation of foreign Receivership Property, or in the hindrance of the repatriation required by this Order.

### VII. Stay of Litigation

- 29. As set forth in detail below, the following proceedings, excluding the instant proceeding and all police or regulatory actions and actions of the Commission related to the above-captioned enforcement action, are stayed until further Order of this Court:
  - All civil legal proceedings of any nature, including, but not limited to, bankruptcy proceedings, arbitration proceedings, foreclosure actions, default proceedings, or other actions of any nature involving: (a) the Receiver, in his capacity as Receiver; (b) any Receivership Property, wherever located; (c) any of the Receivership Defendants or Receivership Relief Defendants, including subsidiaries and partnerships; or, (d) any of the Receivership Defendants' or Receivership Relief Defendants' past or present officers, directors, managers, agents, or general or limited partners sued for, or in connection with, any action taken by them while acting in such capacity of any nature, whether as plaintiff, defendant, third-party plaintiff, third-party defendant, or otherwise (such proceedings are hereinafter referred to as "Ancillary Proceedings").
- 30. The parties to any and all Ancillary Proceedings are enjoined from commencing or continuing any such legal proceeding, or from taking any action, in connection with any such proceeding, including, but not limited to, the issuance or

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31. All Ancillary Proceedings are stayed in their entirety, and all Courts having any jurisdiction thereof are enjoined from taking or permitting any action until further Order of this Court. Further, as to a cause of action accrued or accruing in favor of one or more of the Receivership Defendants or Receivership Relief Defendants against a third person or party, any applicable statute of limitation is tolled during the period in which this injunction against commencement of legal proceedings is in effect as to that cause of action.

### VIII. Managing Assets

- 32. For each of the Receivership Estates, the Receiver shall establish one or more custodial accounts at a federally insured bank to receive and hold all cash equivalent Receivership Property (the "Receivership Funds").
- 33. The Receiver may, without further Order of this Court, transfer, compromise, or otherwise dispose of any Receivership Property, other than real estate, in the ordinary course of business, on terms and in the manner the Receiver deems most beneficial to the Receivership Estate, and with due regard to the realization of the true and proper value of such Receivership Property.
- 34. Subject to Paragraph 35, immediately below, the Receiver is authorized to locate, list for sale or lease, engage a broker for sale or lease, cause the sale or lease, and take all necessary and reasonable actions to cause the sale or lease of all real property in the Receivership Estates, either at public or private sale, on terms and in the manner the Receiver deems most beneficial to the Receivership Estate, and with due regard to the realization of the true and proper value of such real property.
- 35. Upon further Order of this Court, pursuant to such procedures as may be required by this Court and additional authority such as 28 U.S.C. §§ 2001 and 2004, the Receiver will be authorized to sell, and transfer clear title to, all real property in the Receivership Estates.
- 36. The Receiver is authorized to take all actions to manage, maintain, and/or wind-down business operations of the Receivership Estates, including making legally required

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payments to creditors, employees, and agents of the Receivership Estates and communicating with vendors, investors, governmental and regulatory authorities, and others, as appropriate.

37. The Receiver shall take all necessary steps to enable the Receivership Funds to obtain and maintain the status of a taxable "Settlement Fund," within the meaning of Section 468B of the Internal Revenue Code and of the regulations, when applicable.

### IX. Investigate and Prosecute Claims

- 38. Subject to the requirement, in Section VII above, that leave of this Court is required to resume or commence certain litigation, the Receiver is authorized, empowered and directed to investigate, prosecute, defend, intervene in or otherwise participate in, compromise, and/or adjust actions in any state, federal or foreign court or proceeding of any kind as may in his discretion, and in consultation with SEC counsel, be advisable or proper to recover and/or conserve Receivership Property.
- 39. Subject to his obligation to expend receivership funds in a reasonable and costeffective manner, the Receiver is authorized, empowered and directed to investigate the manner in which the financial and business affairs of the Receivership Defendants and Receivership Relief Defendants were conducted and (after obtaining leave of this Court) to institute such actions and legal proceedings, for the benefit and on behalf of the Receivership Estate, as the Receiver deems necessary and appropriate; the Receiver may seek, among other legal and equitable relief, the imposition of constructive trusts, disgorgement of profits, asset turnover, avoidance of fraudulent transfers, rescission and restitution, collection of debts, and such other relief from this Court as may be necessary to enforce this Order.
- 40. The Receiver hereby holds, and is therefore empowered to waive, all privileges, including the attorney-client privilege, held by all entity Receivership Defendants and Receivership Relief Defendants over communications, or advice sought or obtained, prior (See Addendum.) to August 24, 2015 and after the date of this Order.
- 41. The receiver has a continuing duty to ensure that there are no conflicts of interest between the Receiver, his Retained Personnel (as that term is defined below), and the Receivership Estate.



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### X. Bankruptcy Filing

- 42. The Receiver may seek authorization of this Court to file voluntary petitions for relief under Title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code") for the Entity Receivership Defendants and Receivership Relief Defendants. If a Receivership Defendant or Receivership Relief Defendants is placed in bankruptcy proceedings, the Receiver may become, and may be empowered to operate each of the Receivership Estates as, a debtor in possession. In such a situation, the Receiver shall have all of the powers and duties as provided a debtor in possession under the Bankruptcy Code to the exclusion of any other person or entity. Pursuant to Paragraph 4 above, the Receiver is vested with management authority for all Entity Receivership Defendants and Receivership Relief Defendants and may therefore file and manage a Chapter 11 petition.
- 43. The provisions of Section VIII above bar any person or entity, other than the Receiver, from placing any of the Receivership Defendants or Receivership Relief Defendants in bankruptcy proceedings.

#### XI. Liability of Receiver

- 44. Until further Order of this Court, the Receiver shall not be required to post bond or give an undertaking of any type in connection with his fiduciary obligations in this matter.
- 45. The Receiver and his agents, acting within scope of such agency ("Retained Personnel") are entitled to rely on all outstanding rules of law and Orders of this Court and shall not be liable to anyone for their own good faith compliance with any order, rule, law, judgment, or decree. In no event shall the Receiver or Retained Personnel be liable to anyone for their good faith compliance with their duties and responsibilities as Receiver or Retained Personnel, nor shall the Receiver or Retained Personnel be liable to anyone for any actions taken or omitted by them except upon a finding by this Court that they acted or failed to act as a result of malfeasance, bad faith, gross negligence, or in reckless disregard of their duties.
  - 46. This Court shall retain jurisdiction over any action filed against the Receiver or

investigatory resources; approximate valuations of claims; and anticipated or proposed methods of enforcing such claims (including likelihood of success in: (i) reducing the claims to judgment; and, (ii) collecting such judgments);

- F. The status of Creditor Claims Proceedings, after such proceedings have been commenced; and,
- G. The Receiver's recommendations for a continuation or discontinuation of the receivership and the reasons for the recommendations.
- 52. On the request of the Commission, the Receiver shall provide the Commission with any documentation that the Commission deems necessary to meet its reporting requirements, that is mandated by statute or Congress, or that is otherwise necessary to further the Commission's mission.

### XIII. Fees, Expenses and Accountings

- 53. Subject to Paragraphs 54 60 immediately below, the Receiver need not obtain Court approval prior to the disbursement of Receivership Funds for expenses in the ordinary course of the administration and operation of the receivership. Further, prior Court approval is not required for payments of applicable federal, state or local taxes.
- 54. Subject to Paragraph 55 immediately below, the Receiver is authorized to solicit persons and entities ("Retained Personnel") to assist him in carrying out the duties and responsibilities described in this Order. The Receiver shall not engage any Retained Personnel without first obtaining an Order of the Court authorizing such engagement.
- 55. The Receiver and Retained Personnel are entitled to reasonable compensation and expense reimbursement from the Receivership Estates as described in the "Billing Instructions for Receivers in Civil Actions Commenced by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission" (the "Billing Instructions") agreed to by the Receiver. Such compensation shall require the prior approval of the Court.
- 56. Within forty-five (45) days after the end of each calendar quarter, the Receiver and Retained Personnel shall apply to the Court for compensation and expense reimbursement from the Receivership Estates (the "Quarterly Fee Applications"). At least thirty (30) days prior to filing each Quarterly Fee Application with the Court, the Receiver will serve upon counsel

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1	for the SEC a complete copy of the proposed Application, together with all exhibits and relevant		
2	billing information in a format to be provided by SEC staff.		
3	<i>5</i> 7.	All Quarterly Fee Applications will be interim and will be subject to cost	
4	benefit and final reviews at the close of the receivership. At the close of the receivership, the		
5	Receiver will file a final fee application, describing in detail the costs and benefits associated		
6	with all litigation and other actions pursued by the Receiver during the course of the		
7	receivership.		
8	58.	Quarterly Fee Applications may be subject to a holdback in the amount of 20%	
9	of the amount of fees and expenses for each application filed with the Court. The total		
10	amounts held back during the course of the receivership will be paid out at the discretion of		
11	the Court as part of the final fee application submitted at the close of the receivership.		
12	59.	Each Quarterly Fee Application shall:	
13		A. Comply with the terms of the Billing Instructions agreed to by the Receiver; and,	
14	<u>.</u>	B. Contain representations (in addition to the Certification required by the	
15 16		Billing Instructions) that: (i) the fees and expenses included therein were incurred in the best interests of the Receivership Estate; and, (ii) with the exception of the Billing Instructions, the Receiver has not	
17		entered into any agreement, written or oral, express or implied, with any person or entity concerning the amount of compensation paid or to	
18		be paid from the Receivership Estate, or any sharing thereof.	
19	60.	At the close of the Receivership, the Receiver shall submit a Final Accounting,	
20	in a format to be provided by SEC staff, as well as the Receiver's final application for		
21	compensation and expense reimbursement.		
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23	IT IS SO ORDERED:		
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27	Dated: <u>22 (</u>	Oct., 2015  JAMES L. ROBART	
28		United States District Judge	

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### **ADDENDUM TO ¶¶ 8, 13, 14, 16, and 40**

In response to the SEC's motion and during the October 22, 2015, oral argument of counsel to the court, counsel for Defendants and Relief Defendants argued that the authority of the Receiver to waive privileges held by Receivership Defendants and Receivership Relief Defendants threatened to invade attorney-client and/or Fifth Amendment privileges held by Defendant Lobsang Dargey. Counsel asserted that Mr. Dargey is or has been jointly represented by counsel with Receivership Defendants and/or Receivership Relief Defendants and thus holds a "common interest" or "joint defense" privilege with these entities, which he has not waived. Counsel, however, has submitted no evidence in support of his assertion that Mr. Dargey holds any such "common interest" or "joint defense" privilege. Accordingly, the court declines to modify paragraphs 8, 13, 14, or 40 of this order as requested by Defendants and Relief Defendants; nor will the court require the Receiver to seek prior approval from the court to access privileged materials held by Receivership Defendants or Receivership Relief Defendants. The court, however, will permit Mr. Dargey to move the court for a protective order if he has a basis for asserting a "common interest," "joint defense," or Fifth Amendment privilege with respect to specific documents or information the Receiver seeks to access via this order.

Dated this 22 day of October, 2015.

JAMES L. ROBART United States District Judge