

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Before the
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
Release No. 66638 / March 21, 2012

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING
File No. 3-14705

In the Matter of

DEREK LOPEZ,

Respondent.

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

I.

The Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) deems it appropriate and in the public interest to accept the Offer of Settlement submitted by Derek Lopez (“Lopez” or “Respondent”) pursuant to Rule 240(a) of the Rules of Practice of the Commission, 17 C.F.R. § 201.240(a), for the purpose of settlement of these proceedings initiated against Respondent on January 19, 2012, pursuant to Section 15(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Exchange Act”).

II.

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, and without admitting or denying the findings herein, except as to the Commission’s jurisdiction over him and the subject matter of these proceedings, and the findings contained in Section III.2 below, which are admitted, Respondent consents to the entry of this Order Making Findings, and Imposing Remedial Sanctions Pursuant to Section 15(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Order”), as set forth below.

III.

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

1. Lopez, age 43, is a resident of Torrance, California. Beginning in at least 2006 and through at least 2010, Lopez was a registered representative associated with broker-dealers registered with the Commission and held Series 6, 7, 63, and 65 licenses.

2. On June 3, 2011, a judgment was entered by consent against Lopez, permanently enjoining him from future violations of Sections 5(a), 5(c), and 17(a) of the Securities Act of 1933, and Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act and Rule 10b-5 thereunder, in the civil action entitled Securities and Exchange Commission v. Blake G. Williams, et al., Civil Action Number 3:10-CV-1068-O, in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas.

3. The Commission's complaint alleged that Lopez and others, using numerous entities that they controlled, committed securities fraud by manipulating the markets of numerous microcap stocks from 2006 to 2008. The complaint also alleged that Lopez sold stock in unregistered offerings and that the subsequent manipulation of those stocks led to artificially high prices and volume, which allowed Lopez to sell his holdings for substantial gains.

IV.

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

Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED pursuant to Section 15(b)(6) of the Exchange Act that Respondent Lopez 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.

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.

Elizabeth M. Murphy
Secretary