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

SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 Release No. 66750 / April 5, 2012

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING File No. 3-14509

In the Matter of

PETER EMRICH, ALBERTO FERREIRAS, JAMES FRANKFURTH, FRANK ROSSI, and DANA VALENSKY,

Respondents.

ORDER MAKING FINDINGS AND IMPOSING REMEDIAL SANCTIONS PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(b)(6) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 AS TO FRANK ROSSI

I.

On August 18, 2011, the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") initiated proceedings pursuant to Section 15(b)(6) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act") against Frank Rossi ("Rossi" or "Respondent").

II.

Respondent has submitted an Offer of Settlement (the "Offer") which the Commission has determined to accept. Solely for the purpose of these proceedings and any other proceedings brought by or on behalf of the Commission, or to which the Commission is a party, and without admitting or denying the findings herein, except as to the Commission's jurisdiction over him, the subject matter of these proceedings, and the findings in section III, paragraph 4 of this Order, which are admitted, Respondent consents to the entry of this Order Making Findings and Imposing Remedial Sanctions Pursuant to Section 15(b)(6) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 as to Frank Rossi, as set forth below.

## III.

On the basis of this Order and Respondent's Offer, the Commission finds<sup>1</sup> that:

- 1. From approximately December 1997 through December 1998, Little Giant LLC ("Little Giant"), a California limited liability company, sold securities in an unregistered private offering (the "Little Giant Offering").
- 2. From approximately October 1998 through June 2000, Heritage Film Group LLC ("Heritage"), a California limited liability company, sold securities in an unregistered private offering (the "Heritage Offering").
- 3. Rossi acted as an unregistered broker-dealer by selling securities through the Little Giant Offering and the Heritage Offering. Rossi held Series 6 and Series 63 licenses. Rossi, age 51, is a resident of Buffalo, New York.
- 4. On April 24, 2003, Rossi pleaded guilty before the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York to two counts of conspiracy to commit securities fraud in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 371 in <u>United States v. Leonard, et al.</u> 02-CR-881 (the "<u>Leonard Case</u>"), a criminal case arising from the Little Giant Offering and the Heritage Offering. On March 21, 2011, a criminal judgment was entered against Rossi. He was sentenced to two years probation.
- 5. The counts of the indictment to which Rossi pleaded guilty in the <u>Leonard</u> Case alleged, among other things, that Rossi and others conspired to defraud investors by concealing the actual amount of sales commissions that would be paid from the proceeds of the Little Giant and Heritage Offerings.

## IV.

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

Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED that:

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

Any reapplication for association by the Respondent will be subject to the applicable laws and regulations governing the reentry process, and reentry may be conditioned upon a number of

The findings herein are made pursuant to Respondent's Offer of Settlement and are not binding on any other person or entity in this or any other proceeding.

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