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semiconductor manufacturer based in Kalispell, Montana that was acquired in a tender offer by Applied Materials, Inc. in December 2009. Beginning in at least October 2009, defendant Angela Milliard, a legal assistant at Semitool, learned confidential information regarding the terms and timing of the acquisition. Based on this information, Angela Milliard secretly wired \$38,000 to her boyfriend's account and purchased 5,400 Semitool shares in the account, as well as 300 Semitool shares in her own brokerage account. Angela also tipped her father, defendant Kenneth Milliard, about the then-secret acquisition, and he purchased

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- 10,800 Semitool shares and helped other family members purchase another 4,000
- 2. When the acquisition was publicly announced on November 17, 2009, the company's stock price jumped over 30 percent, and defendants immediately profited that day, selling all of their Semitool shares for total realized profits of \$68,160.
- 3. By trading on the basis of material nonpublic information that Angela Milliard learned through her employment at Semitool, defendants violated Section 10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act") [15 U.S.C. §78j(b)] and Rule 10b-5 [17 C.F.R. §240.10b-5] thereunder. In addition, because the material nonpublic information regarding Semitool involved a tender offer, defendants' trades in Semitool securities violated Section 14(e) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. §78n(e)] and Rule 14e-3 [17 C.F.R. §240.14e-3] thereunder. Accordingly, the Commission seeks a court order requiring them to disgorge their ill-gotten gains plus prejudgment interest; imposing civil monetary penalties; and enjoining defendants from future violations of these provisions of the federal securities laws.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- The Commission brings this action pursuant to Sections 21(d), 21(e), 4. and 21A of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. §§ 78u(d), 78u(e), and 78u-1(c)].
- 5. This Court has jurisdiction over this action pursuant to Sections 21(e), 21A and 27 of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. §§ 78u(e), 78u-1 and 78aa].
- 6. Defendants, directly or indirectly, made use of the means or instrumentalities of interstate commerce, or of the mails, or of the facilities of a national securities exchange in connection with the transactions, acts, practices and courses of business alleged herein.
- Venue in this District is proper pursuant to Section 27 of the 7. Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78aa] because defendants both reside within the

District of Montana, and acts and transactions constituting the violations alleged in the Complaint occurred within the District of Montana.

8. Intradistrict assignment to the Missoula Division is proper pursuant to Civil Local Rule 1.2 because a substantial portion of the events that give rise to the claims occurred in Flathead County.

DEFENDANTS

- 9. Angela Milliard, age 36, resides in Kalispell, Montana. At all relevant times, Angela was a legal assistant employed by Semitool.
- 10. Kenneth Milliard, age 66, resides in Columbia Falls, Montana. Kenneth is Angela's father and is a retired business executive.

RELEVANT ENTITY

11. Semitool, Inc. was a Montana semiconductor corporation headquartered in Kalispell, Montana. Prior to December 2009, Semitool's stock was registered with the Commission pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Exchange Act and quoted on NASDAQ under the ticker "SMTL." In December 2009, Applied Materials, Inc. ("Applied Materials"), a California corporation, successfully completed its acquisition of Semitool.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- 12. In 2009, defendant Angela Milliard was employed as the only legal assistant in Semitool's legal department, which consisted of two attorneys (the general counsel and another patent attorney). As part of her responsibilities, she prepared all of Semitool's SEC filings, organized the corporate minute books, and managed the patent portfolio.
- 13. From at least October 2009, Angela Milliard became a key member of Semitool's deal team in connection with Applied Materials' acquisition of the company through a tender offer. Among other things, Angela managed the due diligence process and reviewed drafts of significant merger documents, including the merger agreement and disclosure schedules, SEC filings in connection with the

- tender offer for \$11 per share (which represented a substantial premium above Semitool's then trading price of \$7.83), and board resolutions approving the acquisition. This information was material and confidential.
- 14. After being entrusted with confidential information regarding the acquisition, Angela Milliard secretly purchased Semitool shares in her boyfriend's brokerage account as part of a scheme to conceal the trades. Between October 28, 2009 and November 16, 2009, Angela Milliard purchased 5,400 Semitool shares in her boyfriend's online brokerage account, and another 300 Semitool shares in her own brokerage account, at a total cost of over \$42,000.
- 15. During the same time period, Angela Milliard also began tipping her father Kenneth Milliard confidential information about the acquisition. Based on this information, Kenneth Milliard purchased 10,800 Semitool shares and helped other family members purchase 4,000 Semitool shares. Kenneth and his family members spent over \$113,000 acquiring Semitool securities.
- 16. Throughout the period that defendants were amassing Semitool securities, Angela Milliard learned confidential details regarding the terms and timing of the acquisition. In many instances, defendants' trades were precisely coordinated with Angela Milliard's awareness of major developments regarding the acquisition. For example:
 - a. On or about October 27, 2009, Angela Milliard discovered that Semitool and Applied Materials had entered into advanced merger negotiations, and she was placed in charge of the due diligence process. Over the course of 50 phone calls spanning more than four hours between Angela Milliard and Kenneth Milliard from October 27 through October 29, 2009, Kenneth Milliard purchased 500 Semitool shares, while Angela Milliard purchased 400 Semitool shares.
 - b. On November 9, 2009, Semitool's outside counsel emailed Angela
 Milliard a draft merger agreement for her review. Two hours after

- Angela Milliard received the email, she called Kenneth Milliard. The next morning at 7:20 AM, Angela Milliard called Kenneth Milliard. As the conversation was ongoing, Kenneth Milliard placed an order to buy 5,000 Semitool shares.
- c. On early November 12, 2009, Semitool's outside counsel gave Angela Milliard handwritten edits to a draft Board minute dated November 16, 2009 approving the merger. On November 12, Angela Milliard processed the edits and emailed the revised Board minute back to Semitool's outside counsel. At or about the same time, Semitool's Board convened a meeting to preliminarily authorize the merger between Semitool and Applied Materials. Within minutes, Angela Milliard called Kenneth Milliard, and subsequently wired \$38,000 to her boyfriend's brokerage account. That afternoon, Angela Milliard logged into her boyfriend's brokerage account from her work computer at Semitool and purchased 5,000 Semitool shares.
- d. On November 12 and November 13, 2009, Angela reviewed near-final drafts of key merger documents, including the merger agreement, Schedule 14D-9, and the board minute approving the merger. These documents indicated that Semitool's Board would convene on November 16, 2009 to approve the merger, and that the tender offer would be announced on November 17, 2009 for \$11 per share. Shortly before the November 16 Board meeting began, Angela Milliard and Kenneth Milliard called each other three times. Kenneth Milliard purchased 5,000 Semitool shares within minutes of the calls, while Angela Milliard logged into her boyfriend's brokerage account and purchased another 300 Semitool shares in the account later that morning.

issued a press release announcing the acquisition. Semitool's stock price rose

more than \$2.00 (i.e., over 30%) the same day, closing at \$11.02. Angela Milliard,

Kenneth Milliard, and certain of his family members sold off their Semitool shares

Before the open of market on November 17, 2009, Applied Materials

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- 18. By purchasing Semitool securities based on information she learned through her employment at Semitool, Angela Milliard realized illegal profits of \$20,355.
- 19. By purchasing Semitool securities based on information he received from Angela Milliard, Kenneth Milliard realized illegal profits of \$33,667.11. In addition, Kenneth Milliard told certain of his family members, causing them to trade in Semitool securities for additional illegal profits of \$14,138. All told, Kenneth and his family members (excluding Angela Milliard) realized net trading profits of \$47,805.11.
- 20. Angela Milliard knew, or should have known, that the information she learned regarding the acquisition and tender offer was confidential and that she had a duty to her employer to keep the information confidential.
- 21. Kenneth Milliard knew, or should have known, that the information passed by Angela Milliard regarding the acquisition was confidential, and that Angela Milliard was breaching a duty to her employer by sharing the information with him. Kenneth Milliard also knew, or had reason to know, that the inside information regarding the Applied Materials acquisition came from Semitool, the target company in a potential tender offer.

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| 1 | | FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF |
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| 2 | Viol | ations of Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78j(b)] |
| 3 | | and Rule 10b-5 [17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5] Thereunder |
| 4 | 22. | Paragraphs 1 through 21 are re-alleged and incorporated herein by |
| 5 | reference. | |
| 6 | 23. | Defendants, with scienter, directly or indirectly: |
| 7 | a. | employed devices, schemes, or artifices to defraud; |
| 8 | b. | made untrue statements of material facts or omitted to state material |
| 9 | | facts necessary in order to make the statements made, in the light of |
| 10 | | the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; and |
| 11 | c. | engaged in acts, practices, or courses of business which operated or |
| 12 | | would operate as a fraud or deceit upon other persons, including |
| 13 | | purchasers and sellers of securities; |
| 14 | in connection with the purchase or sale of securities, by the use of means or | |
| 15 | instrumentalities of interstate commerce, of the mails, or the facilities of a national | |
| 16 | securities exchange. | |
| 17 | 24. | By reason of the foregoing, defendants violated, and unless restrained |
| 18 | and enjoined will continue to violate, Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act [15 | |
| 19 | U.S.C. § 78 | j(b)] and Rule 10b-5 thereunder [17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5]. |
| 20 | | SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF |
| 21 | Violations of Section 14(e) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78n(e)] | |
| 22 | | and Rule 14e-3 [17 C.F.R. § 240.14e-3] Thereunder |
| 23 | 25. | Paragraphs 1 through 21 are re-alleged and incorporated herein by |
| 24 | reference. | |
| 25 | 26. | After Applied Materials had taken a substantial step or steps to |
| 26 | commence or had commenced a tender offer, defendants: | |
| 27 | a. | Purchased or sold or caused to be purchased or sold the securities to |
| 28 | | be sought by the tender offer while in possession of material |

| 1 | information relating to such tender offer | |
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| 2 | b. which information they knew or had reason to know is nonpublic, and | |
| 3 | c. which they knew or had reason to know had been acquired directly or | |
| 4 | indirectly from the offering company, the issuing company, or any | |
| 5 | officer, director, partner or employee acting on behalf of the offering | |
| 6 | or issuing companies. | |
| 7 | 27. By reason of the foregoing, defendants violated, and unless restrained | |
| 8 | and enjoined will continue to violate, Section 14(e) of the Exchange Act [15 | |
| 9 | U.S.C. § 78n(e)] and Rule 14e-3 [17 C.F.R. § 240.14e-3] thereunder. | |
| 10 | PRAYER FOR RELIEF | |
| 11 | WHEREFORE, the Commission respectfully requests that this Court: | |
| 12 | I. | |
| 13 | Permanently enjoin defendants Angela Milliard and Kenneth Milliard from | |
| 14 | directly or indirectly violating Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § | |
| 15 | 78j(b)] and Rule 10b-5 [17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5] thereunder; | |
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| 17 | Permanently enjoin defendants Angela Milliard and Kenneth Milliard from | |
| 18 | directly or indirectly violating Section 14(e) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § | |
| 19 | 78n(e)] and Rule 14e-3 [17 C.F.R. § 240.14e-3] thereunder; | |
| 20 | III. | |
| 21 | Order defendants Angela Milliard and Kenneth Milliard to disgorge ill- | |
| 22 | gotten gains derived from the unlawful trading alleged herein, plus prejudgment | |
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| 24 | IV. | |
| 25 | Order defendants Angela Milliard and Kenneth Milliard to pay civil | |
| 26 | penalties pursuant to Section 21A of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78u-l]; and | |
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V. Grant such other relief as this Court may deem just and appropriate. Respectfully submitted, Dated: May 7, 2012 Marc/J. Fagel Michael S. Dicke Jina L. Choi Jennifer J. Lee Attorneys for Plaintiff SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE **COMMISSION**