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Administrative Proceeding
File No. 3-12297

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS INSTITUTED AGAINST BRANDON T. BUSH

The United States Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) announced the issuance of an Order Instituting Administrative Proceedings Pursuant to Section 15(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Order”) against Brandon T. Bush, residing in Boca Raton, Florida.

In the Commission’s Order, the Division of Enforcement alleges that, on February 17, 2005, the Commission filed a complaint against Bush in SEC v. Davidson, et. al., Civil Action No. 05-742 in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. In its Complaint, the Commission alleged that, from late October 2002 through March 2003, while employed as a trader at D.L. Cromwell Investments, Inc. (“Cromwell”), a broker-dealer registered with the Commission, Bush, in response to Cromwell’s growing short position in the stock of Expedia, Inc. (“Expedia”), used Cromwell’s on-line access to its clearing broker’s system to fraudulently enter and then cancel fictitious Expedia buy orders. The Complaint further alleged that Bush entered and cancelled these fictitious buys almost daily for five months, concealing the size of Cromwell’s short position and its margin problems from the clearing broker. The clearing broker was required to cover the short position suffering substantial losses. The Commission’s Division of Enforcement alleges that Bush failed to file an answer or otherwise respond to the Complaint. As a result, on February 24, 2006, the Commission moved for Entry of Default Judgment and Order of Permanent Injunctive Relief, Disgorgement, Prejudgment Interest, and Civil Penalties (“Final Judgment and Order”). The Final Judgment and Order was entered on March 30, 2006, permanently restraining and enjoining Bush from violating Section 17(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 (“Securities Act”), Section 10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Exchange Act”), and Rule 10b-5 thereunder. The Final Judgment and Order finds Bush liable for disgorgement of \$14,760.84, representing the ill-gotten gains he received as a result of the conduct alleged in the Complaint, together with prejudgment interest thereon in the amount of \$2,687.72, for a total of \$17,448.56. Finally, Bush was assessed with a \$120,000 penalty pursuant to Section 20(d) of the Securities Act. The Final Judgment and Order as to Bush is final in the Civil Action.

A hearing will be scheduled before an administrative law judge to determine whether the allegations contained in the Order are true, to provide Bush an opportunity to respond to the allegations against him, and to determine whether any remedial action should be ordered by the Commission.

The Order requires the Administrative Law Judge to issue an initial decision no later than 210 days from the date of service of the Order, pursuant to Rule 360(a)(2) of the Commission’s Rules of Practice.