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

## SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 Release No. 53886 / May 30, 2006

## ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING File No. 3-12308

In the Matter of

#### OTTO KOZAK,

**Respondent.** 

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

I.

The Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") deems it appropriate and in the public interest that public administrative proceedings be, and hereby are, instituted pursuant to Section 15(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act") against Otto Kozak ("Kozak" or "Respondent").

## II.

In anticipation of the institution of these proceedings, 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 and the subject matter of these proceedings, and the findings contained in Section III.3 below, which are admitted, Respondent consents to the entry of this Order Instituting Administrative Proceedings Pursuant to Section 15(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Making Findings, and Imposing Remedial Sanctions ("Order"), as set forth below.

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

1. Kozak, 35 years old, resides in Atlantic Beach, New York. From approximately February 1999 until approximately September 2001, Kozak was associated with Donald & Co. Securities, Inc. ("Donald & Co."), a broker-dealer registered with the Commission until November 2002. While at Donald & Co., Kozak was a registered representative and held Series 7 and 24 licenses.

2. Through his conduct, Kozak participated in the offering of the common stock of eLEC Communications Corporation, which during the relevant time was a penny stock.

3. On August 25, 2005, Kozak pled guilty to charges of, among other things, conspiracy to commit securities fraud in violation of Title 18 United States Code, Section 371, and securities fraud in violation of Title 15 United States Code, Section 78j(b) before the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York, in <u>United States v. Otto Kozak</u>, 04-CR-00455 (ADS).

4. The counts of the criminal indictment to which Kozak pled guilty alleged, among other things, that while at Donald & Co., from in or around January 2000 through in or around December 2001, Kozak willfully and knowingly defrauded investors by means of materially false and misleading statements and omissions, and that he used the United States mails to make materially false and misleading statements and omissions.

### IV.

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

Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED:

Pursuant to Section 15(b)(6) of the Exchange Act, that Respondent Kozak be, and hereby is, barred from association with any broker or dealer.

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. Pursuant to Section 15(b)(6) of the Exchange Act, that Respondent be, and hereby is, 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.

By the Commission.

Nancy M. Morris Secretary