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

SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 Release No. 78083 / June 15, 2016

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDIN	$\mathbb{I} G$
File No. 3-17296	
	ORDER INSTITUTING
	ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS
	PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(b) OF THE
In the Matter of	SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934,
	MAKING FINDINGS, AND IMPOSING
David L. Post,	REMEDIAL SANCTIONS
Respondent.	

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 David L. Post ("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, Respondent admits the Commission's jurisdiction over him and the subject matter of these proceedings, and the findings contained in Section III below, and 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.

## III.

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

- 1. Post was a vice president in Broker Dealer Services Product Management at a financial services firm comprised of subsidiaries including a broker-dealer registered with the Commission. Post, 42 years old, is a resident of Livingston, New Jersey. Post was registered with the Commission from 1997 through 2001 and 2004 through 2006.
- 2. On March 1, 2016, a final judgment was entered by consent against Post, permanently enjoining him from future violations of Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act and Rule 10b-5 thereunder in the civil action entitled <u>Securities and Exchange Commission v. Zachary Zwerko, et ano,</u> 1:14-CV-8181 (RJS), in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York.
- 3. The Commission's complaint alleged that Post engaged in an insider trading scheme with Zachary Zwerko, generating over \$683,000 in illegal profit by purchasing potential pharmaceutical acquisition targets before public announcement of the acquisitions.
- 4. On October 24, 2014, Post pled guilty to three counts of securities fraud and one count of conspiracy to commit securities fraud before the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, in <u>United States v. Post, et ano, Crim. Information No. 1:14-CR-715</u>. On November 12, 2015, a judgment in the criminal case was entered against Post. He was sentenced to a prison term of 6 months followed by two years of supervised release and ordered to make restitution in the amount of \$737,628 and pay a fine of \$50,000.

## IV.

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

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

Pursuant to Section 15(b)(6) of the Exchange Act Respondent Post 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.

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.

Brent J. Fields Secretary