## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,

v.

DONALD G. BLAKSTAD, et al,

Defendants.

C.A. No. 1:19cv06387

### FINAL JUDGMENT AS TO RELIEF DEFENDANT JOUBIN TORKAN

The Securities and Exchange Commission having filed a Complaint and Relief Defendant Joubin Torkan having entered a general appearance; consented to the Court's jurisdiction over Relief Defendant and the subject matter of this action; consented to entry of this Final Judgment without admitting or denying the allegations of the Complaint (except as to jurisdiction and except as otherwise provided herein in paragraph III); waived findings of fact and conclusions of law; and waived any right to appeal from this Final Judgment.

I.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Relief Defendant is liable for disgorgement of \$113,833, representing net profits gained as a result of the conduct alleged in the Complaint, together with prejudgment interest thereon in the amount of \$8,606. The Court finds that sending the disgorged funds to the United States Treasury, as ordered below, is consistent with equitable principles. Relief Defendant shall satisfy this obligation by paying \$122,439 to the Securities and Exchange Commission within 30 days after entry of this

Final Judgment.

Relief Defendant may transmit payment electronically to the Commission, which will provide detailed ACH transfer/Fedwire instructions upon request. Payment may also be made directly from a bank account via Pay.gov through the SEC website at <a href="http://www.sec.gov/about/offices/ofm.htm">http://www.sec.gov/about/offices/ofm.htm</a>. Relief Defendant may also pay by certified check, bank cashier's check, or United States postal money order payable to the Securities and Exchange Commission, which shall be delivered or mailed to

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and shall be accompanied by a letter identifying the case title, civil action number, and name of this Court; Joubin Torkan as a relief defendant in this action; and specifying that payment is made pursuant to this Final Judgment.

Relief Defendant shall simultaneously transmit photocopies of evidence of payment and case identifying information to the Commission's counsel in this action. By making this payment, Relief Defendant relinquishes all legal and equitable right, title, and interest in such funds and no part of the funds shall be returned to Relief Defendant. The Commission shall send the funds paid pursuant to this Final Judgment to the United States Treasury.

The Commission may enforce the Court's judgment for disgorgement and prejudgment interest by using all collection procedures authorized by law, including, but not limited to, moving for civil contempt at any time after 30 days following entry of this Final Judgment.

Relief Defendant shall pay post judgment interest on any amounts due after 30 days of the entry of this Final Judgment pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1961.

II.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that within 3 days after being served with a copy of this Final Judgment, Maxwell Law PC shall transfer the entire balance of any and all moneys received from Relief Defendant Joubin Torkan, or held for the benefit of Joubin Torkan, to the Commission. Maxwell Law PC may transmit payment electronically to the Commission, which will provide detailed ACH transfer/Fedwire instructions upon request. Payment may also be made directly from a bank account via Pay.gov through the SEC website at <a href="http://www.sec.gov/about/offices/ofm.htm">http://www.sec.gov/about/offices/ofm.htm</a>. Maxwell Law PC also may transfer these funds by certified check, bank cashier's check, or United States postal money order payable to the Securities and Exchange Commission, which shall be delivered or mailed to:

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III.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that, solely for purposes of exceptions to discharge set forth in Section 523 of the Bankruptcy Code, 11 U.S.C. §523, the allegations in the complaint are true and admitted by Relief Defendant, and further, any debt for disgorgement, prejudgment interest, civil penalty or other amounts due by Relief Defendant under this Final Judgment or any other judgment, order, consent order, decree or settlement agreement entered in connection with this proceeding, is a debt for the violation of the federal securities laws or any regulation or order issued under such laws, as set forth in Section 523(a)(19) of the Bankruptcy Code, 11 U.S.C. §523(a)(19).

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IV.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that this Court shall retain jurisdiction of this matter for the purposes of enforcing the terms of this Final Judgment.

V.

There being no just reason for delay, pursuant to Rule 54(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Clerk is ordered to enter this Final Judgment forthwith and without further notice.

Dated: <u>September 29</u>, <u>2021</u>

UNITED STÄYTES DISTRICT JUDGE

# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,

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C.A. No. 1:19cv06387

DONALD G. BLAKSTAD, et al.,

Defendants.

#### CONSENT OF RELIEF DEFENDANT JOUBIN TORKAN

- 1. Relief Defendant Joubin Torkan ("Relief Defendant") waives service of a summons and the complaint in this action, enters a general appearance, and admits the Court's jurisdiction over Relief Defendant and over the subject matter of this action.
- 2. Without admitting or denying the allegations of the complaint (except as provided herein in paragraph 10 and except as to personal and subject matter jurisdiction, which Relief Defendant admits), Relief Defendant hereby consents to the entry of the final Judgment in the form attached hereto (the "Final Judgment") and incorporated by reference herein, which, among other things:
- (a) orders Relief Defendant to pay disgorgement in the amount of \$113,833, plus prejudgment interest thereon in the amount of \$8,606; and

(b) orders that within 3 days after begin served with a copy of the Final Judgment, Maxwell Law PC shall transfer the entire balance of any and all moneys received from Relief Defendant Joubin Torkan or held for the benefit of Joubin Torkan to the Commission. Maxwell Law PC may transmit payment electronically to the Commission, which will provide detailed ACH transfer/Fedwire instructions upon request. Payment may also be made directly from a bank account via Pay.gov through the SEC website at <a href="http://www.sec.gov/about/offices/ofm.htm">http://www.sec.gov/about/offices/ofm.htm</a>. Maxwell Law PC also may transfer these funds by certified check, bank cashier's check, or United States postal money order payable to the Securities and Exchange Commission, which shall be delivered or mailed to:

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and shall be accompanied by a letter identifying the case title, civil action number, and name of this Court; and specifying that payment is made pursuant to this Final Judgment.

- 3. Relief Defendant waives the entry of findings of fact and conclusions of law pursuant to Rule 52 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.
- 4. Relief Defendant waives the right, if any, to a jury trial and to appeal from the entry of the Final Judgment.
- 5. Relief Defendant enters into this Consent voluntarily and represents that no threats, offers, promises, or inducements of any kind have been made by the Commission or any member, officer, employee, agent, or representative of the Commission to induce Relief Defendant to enter into this Consent.

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- 6. Relief Defendant agrees that this Consent shall be incorporated into the Final Judgment with the same force and effect as if fully set forth therein.
- 7. Relief Defendant will not oppose the enforcement of the Final Judgment on the ground, if any exists, that it fails to comply with Rule 65(d) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and hereby waives any objection based thereon.
- 8. Relief Defendant waives service of the Final Judgment and agrees that entry of the Final Judgment by the Court and filing with the Clerk of the Court will constitute notice to Defendant of its terms and conditions. Relief Defendant further agrees to provide counsel for the Commission, within thirty days after the Final Judgment is filed with the Clerk of the Court, with an affidavit or declaration stating that Relief Defendant has received and read a copy of the Final Judgment.
- 9. Consistent with 17 C.F.R. 202.5(f), this Consent resolves only the claims asserted against Defendant in this civil proceeding. Relief Defendant acknowledges that no promise or representation has been made by the Commission or any member, officer, employee, agent, or representative of the Commission with regard to any criminal liability that may have arisen or may arise from the facts underlying this action or immunity from any such criminal liability. Relief Defendant waives any claim of Double Jeopardy based upon the settlement of this proceeding, including the imposition of any remedy or civil penalty herein. Relief Defendant further acknowledges that the Court's entry of a permanent injunction may have collateral consequences under federal or state law and the rules and regulations of self-regulatory organizations, licensing boards, and other regulatory organizations. Such collateral consequences include, but are not limited to, a statutory disqualification with respect to membership or participation in, or association with a member of, a self-regulatory organization.

This statutory disqualification has consequences that are separate from any sanction imposed in an administrative proceeding. In addition, in any disciplinary proceeding before the Commission based on the entry of the injunction in this action, Relief Defendant understands that he shall not be permitted to contest the factual allegations of the complaint in this action.

10. Relief Defendant understands and agrees to comply with the terms of 17 C.F.R. § 202.5(e), which provides in part that it is the Commission's policy "not to permit a defendant or respondent to consent to a judgment or order that imposes a sanction while denying the allegations in the complaint or order for proceedings," and "a refusal to admit the allegations is equivalent to a denial, unless the defendant or respondent states that he neither admits nor denies the allegations." As part of Relief Defendant's agreement to comply with the terms of Section 202.5(e), Relief Defendant: (i) will not take any action or make or permit to be made any public statement denying, directly or indirectly, any allegation in the complaint or creating the impression that the complaint is without factual basis; (ii) will not make or permit to be made any public statement to the effect that Relief Defendant does not admit the allegations of the complaint, or that this Consent contains no admission of the allegations, without also stating that Relief Defendant does not deny the allegations; (iii) upon the filing of this Consent, Relief Defendant hereby withdraws any papers filed in this action to the extent that they deny any allegation in the complaint; and (iv) stipulates solely for purposes of exceptions to discharge set forth in Section 523 of the Bankruptcy Code, 11 U.S.C. §523, that the allegations in the complaint are true, and further, that any debt for disgorgement, prejudgment interest, civil penalty or other amounts due by Relief Defendant under the Final Judgment or any other judgment, order, consent order, decree or settlement agreement entered in connection with this proceeding, is a debt for the violation of the federal securities laws or any regulation or order

issued under such laws, as set forth in Section 523(a)(19) of the Bankruptcy Code, 11 U.S.C. §523(a)(19). If Relief Defendant breaches this agreement, the Commission may petition the Court to vacate the Final Judgment and restore this action to its active docket. Nothing in this paragraph affects Relief Defendant's: (i) testimonial obligations; or (ii) right to take legal or factual positions in litigation or other legal proceedings in which the Commission is not a party.

- 11. Relief Defendant hereby waives any rights under the Equal Access to Justice Act, the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996, or any other provision of law to seek from the United States, or any agency, or any official of the United States acting in his or her official capacity, directly or indirectly, reimbursement of attorney's fees or other fees, expenses, or costs expended by Relief Defendant to defend against this action. For these purposes, Relief Defendant agrees that Relief Defendant is not the prevailing party in this action since the parties have reached a good faith settlement.
- 12. Relief Defendant agrees that the Commission may present the Final Judgment to the Court for signature and entry without further notice.

13. Relief Defendant agrees that this Court shall retain jurisdiction over this matter for the purpose of enforcing the terms of the Final Judgment.

Dated: 9/9/2021

Joubin Torkan

On September 9th, 2021, Joubin Torkan, a person known to me, personally appeared before me and acknowledged executing the foregoing Consent.



Votary Public

Commission expires: 07/02/2023

Approved as to form:

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