## **COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH SECURITIES DIVISION ONE ASHBURTON PLACE, ROOM 1701** A CORDENSION STREET **BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02108**

IN THE MATTER OF:

BRETT MICHAEL LETOURNEAU

TEMPORARY ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST

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Docket No. E-2012-0053

- 1. William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth, by his Securities Division (the "Division") commences this adjudicatory proceeding against Respondent Brett Michael Letoumeau.
- 2. This proceeding is commenced pursuant to the provisions of MASS. GEN. LAWS ch. 110A (the Massachusetts Uniform Securities Act and hereinafter the "Act") and MASS. GEN. LAWS ch. 30A (the Massachusetts Administrative Procedure Act).
- 3. Section 407A(a) of the Act, entitled Violations; Cease and Desist Orders; Costs in relevant part states:

If the secretary determines, after notice and opportunity for a hearing, that any person has engaged in or is about to engage in any act or practice constituting a violation of any provision of this chapter or any rule or order issued thereunder, he may order such person to cease and desist from such unlawful act or practice and may take affirmative action, including the imposition of an administrative fine, the issuance of an order for accounting, disgorgement or rescission or any other relief as in his judgment may be necessary to carry out the purposes of [the Act].

4. Section 407(b) of the Act, entitled Violations; Cease and Desist Orders; Costs in relevant part states:

> If the secretary makes written findings of fact that the public interest will be irreparably harmed by delay in issuing an order under subsection (a), the secretary may issue a temporary cease and desist order...

 The Code of Massachusetts Regulations (the "Regulations") at 950 MASS. CODE REGS. 10.06(c) provides in relevant part:

Temporary order to cease and desist. Simultaneous with the commencement of an adjudicatory proceeding or at any time thereafter until conclusion of the proceeding, the Division may request a temporary order to cease and desist from the Presiding Officer. The request may be made <u>ex parte</u>.

- 6. The Registrations, Inspections, Compliance and Examinations Section of the Division has filed an Ex Parte Motion for Issuance of a Cease and Desist Order.
- 7. Solely for the purposes of reaching a determination whether to allow the Division's Motion for Issuance of a Temporary Order to Cease and Desist, I have accepted the allegations of fact set forth in their Complaint as true.
- 8. Accepting these facts as true, I find that it is likely that the Division will prevail at a subsequent hearing on the merits of this matter.
- 9. Again, accepting these facts as true, I find that based on the allegations set forth in the Complaint, a Temporary Order to Cease and Desist is in the public interest and is necessary to protect investors in the Commonwealth from financial harm, and that any delay in issuing such order will likely result in irreparable harm to Massachusetts investors.
- 10. Again, accepting these facts as true for this limited purpose, I make this finding because of the on-going nature of Respondent Brett Michael Letourneau's alleged fraud in connection with the offer and sale of securities in Massachusetts.
- 11. Again, accepting these facts as true for this limited purpose, I make this finding because of the on-going nature of Respondent Brett Michael Letourneau's willful violation or willful

failure to comply with any provision of the Act or a predecessor chapter or any rule or order under the Act or a predecessor chapter.

- 12. Again, accepting these facts as true for this limited purpose, I make this finding because of the on-going nature of Respondent Brett Michael Letourneau's engaging in unethical or dishonest conduct or practices in the securities, commodities or insurance business.
- 13. Further, in its Complaint, the Division has set forth sufficient facts to establish a <u>prima</u> <u>facie</u> case that Respondent Brett Michael Letourneau violated the Act by engaging in fraud in connection with the offer and sale of securities in Massachusetts.
- 14. Further, in its Complaint, the Division has set forth sufficient facts to establish a <u>prima</u> <u>facie</u> case that Respondent Brett Michael Letourneau violated the Act by willfully violating or willfully failing to comply with any provision of the Act or a predecessor chapter or any rule or order under the Act or a predecessor chapter.
- 15. Further, in its Complaint, the Division has set forth sufficient facts to establish a <u>prima</u> <u>facie</u> case that Respondent Brett Michael Letourneau violated the Act by engaging in unethical or dishonest conduct or practices in the securities, commodities or insurance business.
- 16. WHEREFORE: having made the above findings of fact and determining that it is in the public interest and necessary for the protection of investors and consistent with the purposes of the Act,

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED**: that Respondent Brett Michael Letourneau shall cease and desist from further conduct in violation of the Act and Regulations in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

- The above Order is hereby issued <u>ex parte</u> and is effective immediately upon signing of this Order.
- 2. A copy of the Division's Complaint and this Order shall be served via certified mail, return receipt requested, or in a manner permissible under the laws of the state in which they reside, on the Respondent as provided for by these Rules.
- 3. The Respondent is hereby notified that pursuant to Section 10.06(c) of the Regulations, that he has a right to request an administrative hearing and that such hearing must be set down within twenty (20) days after receipt by the Division of the Respondent's written request for such hearing. Said hearing will be held to determine if this Order shall be modified, vacated or extended until final determination.

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Issued this **<u>ao</u>** day of June, 2012