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## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF OREGON PORTLAND DIVISION

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,

vs.

AEQUITAS MANAGEMENT, LLC; AEQUITAS HOLDINGS, LLC; AEQUITAS COMMERCIAL FINANCE, LLC; AEQUITAS CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, INC.: AEQUITAS INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT, LLC; ROBERT J. JESENIK; BRIAN A. OLIVER; and N. SCOTT GILLIS,

Defendants.

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JUDGMENT OF PERMANENT INJUNCTIVE RELIEF AS TO AEQUITAS MANAGEMENT, LLC; AEQUITAS HOLDINGS, LLC; AEQUITAS COMMERCIAL FINANCE, LLC; AEQUITAS CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, INC.; AND **AEQUITAS INVESTMENT** MANAGEMENT, LLC



The Securities and Exchange Commission having filed a Complaint and Defendants Aequitas Management, LLC, Aequitas Holdings, LLC, Aequitas Commercial Finance, LLC, Aequitas Capital Management, Inc. and Aequitas Investment Management, LLC having entered a general appearance by and through their Court-appointed Receiver; consented to the Court's jurisdiction over Defendants and the subject matter of this action; consented to entry of this Judgment of Permanent Injunctive Relief as to Aequitas Management, LLC, Aequitas Holdings, LLC, Aequitas Commercial Finance, LLC., Aequitas Capital Management, Inc., and Aequitas Investment Management, LLC ("Judgment") without admitting or denying the allegations of the Complaint (except as to jurisdiction); waived findings of fact and conclusions of law; and waived any right to appeal from this Judgment.

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IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Defendants Acquitas Management, LLC, Acquitas Holdings, LLC, Acquitas Commercial Finance, LLC, Acquitas Capital Management, Inc. and Acquitas Investment Management, LLC are permanently restrained and enjoined from, directly or indirectly, in the offer or sale of any securities, by the use of any means or instruments of transportation or communication in interstate commerce or by the use of the mails:

- A. Employing any device, scheme or artifice to defraud;
- B. Obtaining money or property by means of any untrue statement of a material fact or any omission to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; or
- C. Engaging in any transaction, practice, or course of business which operates or would operate as a fraud or deceit upon the purchaser;

in violation of Section 17(a) of the Securities Act, 15 U.S.C. § 77q(a).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, as provided in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 65(d)(2), the foregoing paragraph also binds the following who receive actual notice of this order

by personal service or otherwise: (a) Defendants' officers, agents, servants, employees, and attorneys; and (b) other persons in active concert or participation with Defendants or with anyone described in (a).

П.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendants Aequitas Management, LLC, Aequitas Holdings, LLC, Aequitas Commercial Finance, LLC, Aequitas Capital Management, Inc. and Aequitas Investment Management, LLC are permanently restrained and enjoined from, directly or indirectly, in connection with the purchase or sale of any security, by the use of any means or instrumentality of interstate commerce, or of the mails, or of any facility of any national securities exchange:

- A. Employing any device, scheme or artifice to defraud;
- B. Making any untrue statement of a material fact or omitting to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; or
- C. Engaging in any act, practice, or course of business which operates or would operate as a fraud or deceit upon any person;

in violation of Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. § 78j(b), and Rule 10b-5 thereunder, 17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, as provided in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 65(d)(2), the foregoing paragraph also binds the following who receive actual notice of this order by personal service or otherwise: (a) Defendants' officers, agents, servants, employees, and attorneys; and (b) other persons in active concert or participation with Defendants or with anyone described in (a).

III.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendants Aequitas Capital Management, Inc. and Aequitas Investment Management, LLC are permanently restrained and enjoined from, directly [JUDGMENT AS TO AEQUITAS ENTITIES]

or indirectly, in connection with the purchase or sale of any security, by the use of any means or instrumentality of interstate commerce, or of the mails, or of any facility of any national securities exchange:

- A. Employing any device, scheme or artifice to defraud any client or prospective client;
- B. Engaging in any transactions, practices, or courses of business which operate as a fraud or deceit upon any client or prospective client;
- C. Engaging in any act, practice, or course of business which is fraudulent, deceptive, or manipulative;
- D. Making any untrue statement of a material fact or omitting to state a material fact, necessary to make the statements made, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, to any investor or prospective investor in a pooled investment vehicle; or
- E. Engaging in any act, practice, or course of business that is fraudulent, deceptive, or manipulative with respect to any investor or prospective investor in a pooled investment vehicle;

in violation of Sections 206(1), 206(2), and 206(4) of the Advisers Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 80b-6(1), (2) & (4); and Rule 206(4)-8 thereunder, 17 C.F.R. §275.206(4)-8.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, as provided in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 65(d)(2), the foregoing paragraph also binds the following who receive actual notice of this order by personal service or otherwise: (a) Defendants' officers, agents, servants, employees, and attorneys; and (b) other persons in active concert or participation with Defendants or with anyone described in (a).

IV.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendants Aequitas Management, LLC; Aequitas Holdings, LLC; Aequitas Commercial Finance, LLC; Aequitas Capital Management, Inc.; and [JUDGMENT AS TO AEQUITAS ENTITIES]

Aequitas Investment Management, LLC, are permanently restrained and enjoined from directly or indirectly participating in the issuance, offer, or sale of any security of any entity controlled by, or under joint control with, any of them.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, as provided in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 65(d)(2), the foregoing paragraph also binds the following who receive actual notice of this order by personal service or otherwise: (a) Defendants' officers, agents, servants, employees, and attorneys; and (b) other persons in active concert or participation with Defendants or with anyone described in (a).

V.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendants Aequitas Management, LLC; Aequitas Holdings, LLC; Aequitas Commercial Finance, LLC; Aequitas Capital Management, Inc.; and Aequitas Investment Management, LLC, are permanently restrained and enjoined from directly or indirectly soliciting any person or entity to purchase or sell any security, except for the activities of the Court- appointed Receiver necessary to carry out his responsibilities under the Receivership order issued by the Court in this matter.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, as provided in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 65(d)(2), the foregoing paragraph also binds the following who receive actual notice of this order by personal service or otherwise: (a) Defendants' officers, agents, servants, employees, and attorneys; and (b) other persons in active concert or participation with Defendants or with anyone described in (a).

VI.

Upon motion of the Commission, the Court shall determine whether it is appropriate to order disgorgement of ill-gotten gains and prejudgment interest thereon, and/or a civil penalty pursuant to Section 20(d) of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. § 77t(d)], Section 21(d)(3) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78u(d)(3)], and Section 209(e) of the Advisers Act [15 U.S.C. § 80-9(e)] and, if so, the amount(s) of the disgorgement and/or civil penalty. In connection with the

Commission's motion for disgorgement and/or civil penalties, and at any hearing held on such a motion: (a) Defendants will be precluded from arguing that they did not violate the federal securities laws as alleged in the Complaint; (b) Defendants may not challenge the validity of the Consent of Aequitas Management, LLC, Aequitas Holdings, LLC, Aequitas Commercial Finance, LLC., Aequitas Capital Management, Inc., and Aequitas Investment Management, LLC ("Consent") or this Judgment; (c) solely for the purposes of such motion, the allegations of the Complaint shall be accepted as and deemed true by the Court; and (d) the Court may determine the issues raised in the motion on the basis of affidavits, declarations, excerpts of sworn deposition or investigative testimony, and documentary evidence, without regard to the standards for summary judgment contained in Rule 56(c) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. In connection with the Commission's motion for disgorgement and/or civil penalties, the parties may take discovery, including discovery from appropriate non-parties.

VII.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that the Consent is incorporated herein with the same force and effect as if fully set forth herein, and that Defendants shall comply with all of the undertakings and agreements set forth therein.

VIII.

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 Judgment.

IX.

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 Judgment forthwith and without further notice.

IT IS SO ORDERED:

Dated:  $\frac{\langle \phi / \langle \rangle}{2}$ , 2016

United States District Judge