## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

**CASE NO.: 20-CV-81205-RAR** 

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,

v.

COMPLETE BUSINESS SOLUTIONS GROUP, INC. d/b/a/ PAR FUNDING, et al.,

UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR ENTRY OF FINAL JUDGMENT

Plaintiff Securities and Exchange Commission respectfully seeks entry of the attached proposed Final Judgment against Defendant John Gissas (Exhibit A), to which Mr. Gissas has consented. Attached as Exhibit B is the Consent of Mr. Gissas, together with the proposed Final Judgment to which he has consented.

The proposed Final Judgment includes a permanent injunction against the violations of the securities laws alleged in the Complaint, as well as additional charges, to which Mr. Gissas consents without admitting or denying liability. The additional charges, under Rule 10b-5 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Section 17(a)(1) of the Securities Act of 1933, are based on evidence the SEC developed after filing this case. The SEC would allege that contrary to the representation to investors that all of their funds would be used to fund the purchase of notes, Mr. Gissas misappropriated investor money and used new investor funds to pay returns to existing investors. As set forth in the Consent filed herewith, Mr. Gissas consents to the Final Judgment without admitting or denying any liability.

January 13, 2022 Respectfully submitted,

By: s/Amie Riggle Berlin

Amie Riggle Berlin Senior Trial Counsel Florida Bar No. 630020 Direct Dial: (305) 982-6322 Email: <u>berlina@sec.gov</u> Attorney for Plaintiff

# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

801 Brickell Avenue, Suite 1950 Miami, Florida 33131 Telephone: (305) 982-6300 Facsimile: (305) 536-4154 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA CASE NO.: 20-cv-81205-RAR

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## FINAL JUDGMENT AGAINST DEFENDANT JOHN GISSAS

This cause comes before the Court upon the Motion by Plaintiff Securities and Exchange Commission for Entry of a Final Judgment against Defendant John Gissas ("Defendant"). By the Consent attached hereto, and without admitting or denying the allegations of the Complaint (except as to jurisdiction and except as otherwise provided herein in paragraph IV), Defendant has entered a general appearance, agreed to entry of this Final Judgment, waived findings of fact and conclusions of law, and waived any right to appeal from this Final Judgment. The Court finds that good cause exists for entry of the Final Judgment. Accordingly, the Commission's Motion is GRANTED. The Court further orders as follows:

#### I. PERMANENT INJUNCTIONS

## A. Section 5 of the Securities Act of 1933

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that Defendant is permanently restrained and enjoined from violating Section 5 of the Securities Act of 1933 ("Securities Act") [15 U.S.C. § 77e] by, directly or indirectly, in the absence of any applicable exemption:

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- (a) Unless a registration statement is in effect as to a security, making use of any means or instruments of transportation or communication in interstate commerce or of the mails to sell such security through the use or medium of any prospectus or otherwise;
- (b) Unless a registration statement is in effect as to a security, carrying or causing to be carried through the mails or in interstate commerce, by any means or instruments of transportation, any such security for the purpose of sale or for delivery after sale; or
- (c) Making use of any means or instruments of transportation or communication in interstate commerce or of the mails to offer to sell or offer to buy through the use or medium of any prospectus or otherwise any security, unless a registration statement has been filed with the Commission as to such security, or while the registration statement is the subject of a refusal order or stop order or (prior to the effective date of the registration statement) any public proceeding or examination under Section 8 of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. § 77h].

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED 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 Final Judgment by personal service or otherwise: (a) Defendant's officers, agents, servants, employees, and attorneys; and (b) other persons in active concert or participation with Defendant or with anyone described in (a).

## B. Section 10(b) and Rule 10b-5 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Defendant is permanently restrained and enjoined from violating, directly or indirectly, Section 10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act") [15 U.S.C. § 78j(b)] and Rule 10b-5 promulgated thereunder [17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5], by using any means or instrumentality of

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interstate commerce, or of the mails, or of any facility of any national securities exchange, in connection with the purchase or sale of any security:

- (a) to employ any device, scheme, or artifice to defraud;
- (b) to make any untrue statement of a material fact or to omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements made, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; or
- (c) to engage in any act, practice, or course of business which operates or would operate as a fraud or deceit upon any person

by, directly or indirectly, (i) creating a false appearance or otherwise deceiving any person, or (ii) disseminating false or misleading documents, materials, or information or making, either orally or in writing, any false or misleading statement in any communication with any investor or prospective investor, about: (A) any investment in securities; (B) the prospects for success of any product or company; (C) the use of investor funds or investment proceeds; (D) the safety of any securities investment; (E) Orders issued against the issuer or entity that is the subject of the investment by State or Federal Enforcement Agencies; (F) the financial status of the issuer or entity that is the subject of the investment; or (G) the management of the issuer or entity that is the subject of the investment.

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## C. Section 17(a) of the Securities Act of 1933

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that Defendant is permanently restrained and enjoined from violating Section 17(a)(2) of the Securities Act, 15 U.S.C. § 77q(a)(2), in the offer or sale of any security by the use of any means or instruments of transportation or communication in interstate commerce or by use of the mails, directly or indirectly:

- (a) to employ any device, scheme, or artifice to defraud;
- (b) to obtain money or property by means of any untrue statement of a material fact or any omission of a material fact necessary in order to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; or
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## II. DISGORGEMENT, PREJUDGMENT INTEREST, AND CIVIL PENALTY

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that Defendant is liable for disgorgement with prejudgment interest in the amount of \$1,075,000, representing funds received as a result of the conduct alleged in the Complaint, and is solely liable for a civil penalty in the amount of \$192,000 pursuant to Section 20(d) of the Securities Act, 15 U.S.C. §77(d), for a total of \$1,267,000. Defendant shall satisfy the disgorgement, prejudgment interest, and civil penalty payments due to the Commission by notifying the Court-appointed Receiver that \$1,200,000 of the funds Defendant previously turned over to the Receiver shall remain with the Receiver permanently, and by paying the Receiver an additional \$67,000 in installments according to the following schedule: \$25,000 payable immediately upon the Court's entry of this Final Judgment; ten (10) equal payments of \$3,818.18 payable every 30 days for 300 days and commencing 30 days after the Court's entry of this Final Judgment; and one final payment of \$3,818.20 payable to the Receiver 330 days from the date the Court enters this Final Judgment. Defendant agrees that once he provides this notice to the Receiver and pays the additional \$67,000 to the Receiver, he relinquishes all legal and equitable right, title and interest in the funds and that these funds shall not be returned to him.

The Commission along with the Receiver may propose a plan to distribute the Funds subject to the Court's approval. The Court shall retain jurisdiction over the administration of any distribution of the Funds. The amount ordered to be paid as a civil penalty pursuant to this Judgment shall be treated as penalties paid to the government for all purposes, including all tax purposes. To preserve the deterrent effect of the civil penalty, Defendant shall not, after offset or

reduction of any award of compensatory damages in any Related Investor Action based on Defendant's payment of disgorgement in this action, argue that he is entitled to, nor shall he further benefit by, offset or reduction of such compensatory damages award by the amount of any part of Defendant's payment of a civil penalty in this action ("Penalty Offset"). If the court in any Related Investor Action grants such a Penalty Offset, Defendant shall, within 30 days after entry of a final order granting the Penalty Offset, notify the Commission's counsel in this action and pay the amount of the Penalty Offset to the United States Treasury or to a Fair Fund, as the Commission directs. Such a payment shall not be deemed an additional civil penalty and shall not be deemed to change the amount of the civil penalty imposed in this Judgment. For purposes of this paragraph, a "Related Investor Action" means a private damages action brought against Defendant by or on behalf of one or more investors based on substantially the same facts as alleged in the Complaint in this action.

## III. BANKRUPTCY NONDISCHARGEABILITY

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 Defendant, and further, any debt for disgorgement, prejudgment interest, civil penalty or other amounts due by 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 by Defendant 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).

## IV. INCORPORATION OF CONSENT

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

## V. RETENTION OF JURISDICTION

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

## VI. RULE 54(b) CERTIFICATION

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.

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## **CONSENT OF DEFENDANT JOHN GISSAS**

- 1. Defendant John Gissas ("Defendant" or "Gissas") acknowledges having been served with the Summons and the Complaint in this action, enters a general appearance, and admits the Court's jurisdiction over him and over the subject matter of this action.
- 2. Without admitting or denying the allegations of the Complaint (except as to personal and subject matter jurisdiction, which Gissas admits), Gissas hereby consents to entry of the Final Judgment in the form attached hereto (the "Final Judgment") and incorporated by reference herein, which, among other things:
- (a) Permanently restrains and enjoins Defendant from violations of Sections 5(a), 5(c), and 17(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 ("Securities Act") [15 U.S.C. §§ 77e(a), 77e(c), and §77q(a)(1)-(3)], and Section 10(b) and Rule 10b-5 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act") [15 U.S.C. §78j(b); 17 C.F.R. §240.10b-5(a)-(c)]; and;
- (b) Orders Defendant to pay disgorgement with prejudgment interest in the amount of \$1,075,000; and
  - (c) Orders Defendant to pay a civil penalty in the amount of \$192,000.

**EXHIBIT** 

- 3. Defendant agrees that he shall not seek or accept, directly or indirectly, reimbursement or indemnification from any source, including but not limited to payment made pursuant to any insurance policy, with regard to any civil penalty amounts that Defendant pays pursuant to the Final Judgment, regardless of whether such penalty amounts or any part thereof are added to a distribution fund or otherwise used for the benefit of investors. Defendant further agrees that he shall not claim, assert, or apply for a tax deduction or tax credit with regard to any federal, state, or local tax for any penalty amounts that Defendant pays pursuant to the Final Judgment, regardless of whether such penalty amounts or any part thereof are added to a distribution fund or otherwise used for the benefit of investors.
- 4. Defendant waives the entry of findings of fact and conclusions of law pursuant to Rule 52 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.
- 5. Defendant waives the right, if any, to a jury trial and to appeal from the entry of the Final Judgment.
- 6. Defendant enters into this Consent voluntarily after consulting with undersigned counsel, 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 Defendant or anyone acting on his behalf to enter into this Consent.
- 7. Defendant agrees this Consent shall be incorporated into the Final Judgment with the same force and effect as if fully set forth therein.
- 8. 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.

- 9. 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. 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 Defendant has received and read a copy of the Final Judgment.
- 10. Consistent with 17 C.F.R. 202.5(f), this Consent resolves only the claims asserted against Defendant in this civil proceeding. 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. Defendant waives any claim of Double Jeopardy based upon the settlement of this proceeding, including the imposition of any remedy or civil penalty herein. 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, Defendant understands that he shall not be permitted to contest the factual allegations of the complaint in this action.
- 11. 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 Defendant's agreement to comply with the terms of Section 202.5(e), 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 Defendant does not admit the allegations of the complaint, or that this Consent contains no admission of the allegations, without also stating that Defendant does not deny the allegations; (iii) upon the filing of this Consent, 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 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 by Defendant 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 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 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.

12. 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 Defendant to defend against this action. For these purposes, Defendant agrees that Defendant is not the prevailing party in this action since the parties have reached a good faith settlement.

- 13. Defendant agrees that the Commission may present the Final Judgment to the Court for signature and entry without further notice.
- 14. Defendant agrees that this Court shall retain jurisdiction over this matter for the purpose of enforcing the terms of the Final Judgment.

Dated: 1/2021

John Gissas

KEVIN W MCDONALD Notary Public – State of Florida

Commission # GG 129319

on July, 2021, EVIN MY GNAM, a person known to me, personally appeared before me and acknowledged executing the foregoing Consent.

Notary Public

Commission expires:

Approved as to form:

Daniel I. Small Allison Kernisky

HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP 701 Brickell Avenue, Suite 3300

Miami, Florida 33131

Counsel for Defendant John Gissas

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interstate commerce, or of the mails, or of any facility of any national securities exchange, in connection with the purchase or sale of any security:

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

## V. RETENTION OF JURISDICTION

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

## VI. RULE 54(b) CERTIFICATION

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.

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