ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING

BEFORE THE

SECURITIES COMMISSIONER OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE MATTER OF:)	
)	CONSENT ORDER
Claus Christoph Foerster,)	
CRD #1912949)	File No. 14051
)	
Respondent.)	

WHEREAS, the Securities Division of the Office of the Attorney General of the State of South Carolina (the "Division"), after receiving information and pursuant to authority granted in the South Carolina Uniform Securities Act of 2005 (the "Act"), S.C. Code Ann. § 35-1-101 et. seq. (Supp. 2012), initiated an investigation into certain activities of Claus Foerster (the "Respondent"); and

WHEREAS, in connection with its investigation, the Division determined certain acts of the Respondent constituted violations of the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Division issued a Rule to Show Cause on June 13, 2014, ordering the Respondent to show cause, if any there be, why the Securities Commissioner should not enter an Order revoking the Respondent's registrations and seeking a civil penalty; and

WHEREAS, the Division issued a Summary Suspension Order on June 13, 2014, summarily suspending the Respondent's registrations as a broker-dealer agent and an investment advisor until such time as the parallel proceeding instituted by the Rule to Show Cause is resolved; and

WHEREAS, the Respondent acknowledges his desire to resolve this matter by Consent Order rather than by formal hearing before the Securities Commissioner (the "Commissioner"); and

WHEREAS, the Respondent admits the Commissioner has jurisdiction in this matter; and

WHEREAS, the Respondent admits that, through the activities stated in the Rule to Show Cause issued by the Division in this matter, he engaged in dishonest or unethical practices in the securities, commodities, investment, franchise, banking, finance, or insurance business within the previous ten years in violation of S.C. Code Ann. §§ 35-1-412(c) and 35-1-412(d)(13); and

WHEREAS, the Respondent admits that, through the activities stated in the Rule to Show Cause issued by the Division in this matter, he, in connection with the offer, sale, or purchase of a security, directly or indirectly, employed a device, scheme, or artifice to defraud, made an untrue statement of a material fact or omitted to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances in which they were made, not misleading, or engaged in an act, practice, or course of business that operated as a fraud or deceit upon another person in violation of S.C. Code Ann. § 35-1-501; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner finds the investor protections and remedies in this Consent Order both appropriate and in the public interest for the protection of the investors and the capital markets of the State of South Carolina;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, and Respondent expressly consents and agrees that:

- A. Respondent is permanently barred from participating in any aspect of the securities industry in or from the State of South Carolina; and
- B. Respondent, within ten (10) days of the execution of this Order, shall pay an administrative fine in the amount of One Hundred and Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$120,000) to the Division.

Upon execution by the Commissioner, this Order resolves Administrative Proceeding 14051 as it relates to the Respondent.

The parties to this Order agree the Order does not and should not be interpreted to waive any (i) criminal cause of action, (ii) private cause of action that may have accrued to any investor or investors, (iii) action of any kind in any type of bankruptcy proceeding(s), or (iv) other causes of action which may result from any activity of the Respondent not detailed above or which may hereafter arise.

ENTERED, this the _____ day of _____ 2014. Columbia, South Carolina

By: ______

SECURITIES COMMISSIONER STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

WE CONSENT:

Securities Divisjon of the Office of the Attorney General

By:

Assistant Attorney General

Respondent Claus Foerster

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