ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING BEFORE THE SECURITIES COMMISSIONER OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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Respondent.

IN THE MATTER OF:

Sandlapper Securities, LLC, CRD No. 137906,

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER: SUSPENSION OF BROKER-DEALER REGISTRATION

Matter No. 20174519

WHEREAS, the Securities Commissioner of South Carolina (the "Securities Commissioner") has authorized and directed the Securities Division of the Office of the Attorney General of the State of South Carolina (the "Securities Division") to administer the provisions of S.C. Code Ann. § 35-1-101, *et seq.*, the South Carolina Uniform Securities Act of 2005 (the

"Act"); and

WHEREAS, the Division received information regarding alleged securities-related activities of Sandlapper Securities, LLC, CRD No. 137906 ("Sandlapper"); and

WHEREAS, based on the information received, the Division decided it was necessary and appropriate to open an investigation pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 35-1-602 to determine whether the Respondent had violated, was violating, or was about to violate the Act; and

WHEREAS, in connection with the investigation, the Division has determined that evidence exists to support the following findings of fact and conclusions of law:

I. JURISDICTION

1. The Securities Commissioner has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 35-1-601(a).

II. <u>RESPONDENT</u>

2. Sandlapper is a broker-dealer registered with the Division with a home office address of 800 East North Street, 2nd Floor, Greenville, South Carolina 29601

III. FINDINGS OF FACT

3. Sandlapper has been registered with the Division as a broker-dealer since April of 2006.

4. On April 25, 2018, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA") suspended Sandlapper from membership in FINRA.

5. This suspension was the result of Sandlapper's failure to timely file its December 2017 Annual Audit Report (the "Report").

6. At least twenty-one (21) days prior to the issuance of Sandlapper's suspension, FINRA notified Sandlapper of its failure to timely file the Report through a "Notice of Suspension."

7. Following the Notice of Suspension, Sandlapper did not submit the Report, which resulted in its suspension from membership in FINRA.

IV. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

8. The South Carolina Uniform Securities Act of 2005, S.C. Code Ann. § 35-1-101, *et seq.*, governs the offer and sale of securities in this State.

9. Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 35-1-412(b), the Securities Commissioner may issue an order revoking suspending, or limiting the registration of a registrant, if the Commissioner finds that the order is in the public interest and subsection (d) of S.C. Code Ann. § 35-1-412 authorizes the action.

10. Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 35-1-412(d)(5)(C), the Securities Commissioner may issue an order suspending a registrant which is the subject of an order, issued after notice and opportunity for hearing by a self-regulatory organization suspending the registrant from membership in the self-regulatory organization.

11. FINRA, a self-regulatory organization, suspended Sandlapper from membership in FINRA.

12. It is necessary and appropriate, in the public interest, for the protection of investors, and consistent with the purposes fairly intended by the policy and provisions of the South Carolina Uniform Securities Act, S.C. Code Ann. § 35-1-101, *et seq.*, to suspend the Respondent's registration as a broker-dealer.

V. ORDER

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 35-1-412(b), it is hereby ORDERED that the Respondent's registration with the Division as a broker-dealer is SUSPENDED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Respondent's failure to file a written answer, including any request for a hearing, within thirty (30) days from the date of this Order, shall be deemed a waiver by the Respondent of the right to a hearing and shall result in this Order becoming final as to the Respondent by operation of law.

VI. NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

The Respondent is hereby notified that it has the right to a hearing on the matters contained herein. To schedule such a hearing, a Respondent must file with the Securities Division, Post Office Box 11549, Rembert C. Dennis Building, Columbia, South Carolina, 29211-1549, attention: Wandy Ealy, within thirty (30) days after the date of service of this Order, a written Answer specifically requesting a hearing. If a Respondent requests a hearing, the Division, within fifteen (15) days after receipt of a request in a record from the Respondent, will schedule a hearing for the Respondent.

In the written Answer, a Respondent, in addition to requesting a hearing, shall admit or deny each factual allegation in this Order, shall set forth specific facts on which the Respondent relies, and shall set forth concisely the matters of law and affirmative defenses upon which the Respondent relies. A Respondent without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of an allegation, shall so state.

Failure by a Respondent to file a written request for a hearing in this matter within the thirty-day (30) period stated above shall be deemed a waiver by the Respondent of the right to such a hearing. Failure of a Respondent to file an Answer, including a request for a hearing, shall result in this Order becoming final as to the Respondent by operation of law.

This Order does not prevent the Division, or any other agency, including, without limitation, civil and criminal law enforcement agencies, from seeking additional civil or criminal remedies that are available under the Act, including remedies related to the conduct set forth above.

ENTERED, this the day of May, 2018.

ALAN WILSON SECURITIES COMMISSIONER

By: TRACY A. MEYERS

Deputy Securities Commissioner

ISSUANCE REQUESTED BY:

IAN P. WESCHLER Assistant Attorney General Securities Division Rembert C. Dennis Building 1000 Assembly Street Columbia, South Carolina 29201

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SECURITIES DIVISION

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE AND AFFIDAVIT OF COMPLIANCE File Number 20174519

I hereby certify that I served upon the individual/entity listed below a copy of the document indicated below and dated May 3, 2018, by serving a copy of said document upon the Securities Commissioner of the State of South Carolina and by placing a copy of said document in the United States mail, certified mail, return receipt requested, first class postage prepaid and addressed to:

Sandlapper Securities, LLC 800 East North Street 2nd Floor Greenville, South Carolina 29601

Document(s): Administrative Order

Mailed May 3, 2018 from Columbia, South Carolina.

I further hereby certify, swear and affirm that, service of the above-listed entity is in compliance with Section 35-1-611, Code of Laws of South Carolina.

Wanda Ealy South Carolina Attorney General's Office Securities Division Post Office Box 11549 Columbia, SC 29211-1549 (803) 734-4731

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this $\underline{\mathcal{S}}$ day of $\underline{\mathcal{M}}$, 2018.

Notary Public for South Carolina 1 My commission expires: