

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND
EXCHANGE COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,

v.

ERIC T. LANDIS and
RIDGEVIEW CAPITAL PARTNERS LLC,

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 1:18-cv-12453-IT

[PROPOSED] FINAL JUDGMENT AS TO DEFENDANTS
ERIC T. LANDIS AND RIDGEVIEW CAPITAL PARTNERS LLC

The Securities and Exchange Commission having filed a Complaint and Defendants Eric T. Landis and Ridgeview Capital Partners LLC (and collectively with Landis, “Defendants”) having entered a general appearance, consented to the Court’s jurisdiction over Defendants and the subject matter of this action, consented to entry of this Final Judgment, waived findings of fact and conclusions of law, and waived any right to appeal from this Final Judgment:

I.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Defendants are 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 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.

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

II.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Defendants are permanently restrained and enjoined from violating Section 17(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 (the "Securities Act") [15 U.S.C. § 77q(a)] 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
- (c) to engage in any transaction, practice, or course of business which operates or would operate as a fraud or deceit upon the purchaser.

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) 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 HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Defendants are permanently restrained and enjoined from violating Section 9(a) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78i(a)], directly or indirectly, by the use of the mails or any means or instrumentality of interstate commerce, or of any facility of any national securities exchange, or any member of a national securities exchange:

- (a) For the purpose of creating a false or misleading appearance of active trading in any securities, or a false or misleading appearance with respect to the market for any such security:
 - 1. Effecting any transaction in such security which involves no change in the beneficial ownership thereof; or
 - 2. Entering an order or orders for the purchase or sale of such security with the knowledge that an order or orders of substantially the same size, at substantially the same time, and at substantially the same price, for the sale or purchase of any such security, has been or will be entered by or for the same person or different parties; or
- (b) Effecting, alone or with one or more other persons, a series of transactions in any security creating actual or apparent active trading in such security, or raising or

depressing the price of such security, for the purpose of inducing the purchase or sale of such security by others.

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) 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, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Defendants are permanently restrained and enjoined from directly or indirectly, including, but not limited to, through any entity owned or controlled by the Defendants, from participating in the issuance, purchase, offer, or sale of any security; provided, however, that Defendant Landis shall not be prohibited from purchasing or selling securities listed on a national securities exchange for his own personal account.

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 Defendants or with anyone described in (a).

V.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Defendants are permanently restrained and enjoined from directly or indirectly, promoting any issuer of any security, causing the promotion of any issuer of any security, or deriving compensation from the

promotion of any issuer of any security, unless that security is: (i) listed on a national securities exchange, and (ii) has had a market capitalization of at least \$50,000,000 for 90 consecutive days.

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) 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.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Defendants are permanently barred from participating in an offering of penny stock, including engaging in activities with a broker, dealer, or issuer for purposes of issuing, trading, or inducing or attempting to induce the purchase or sale of any penny stock. A penny stock is any equity security that has a price of less than five dollars, except as provided in Rule 3a51-1 under the Exchange Act [17 C.F.R. § 240.3a51-1].

VII.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Defendants are jointly and severally liable for disgorgement of \$2,505,488, representing profits gained as a result of the conduct alleged in the Complaint, which is deemed satisfied by the order of forfeiture entered against Landis in *United States v. Landis*, No. 18-cr-10443-IT (D. Mass.) (Dkt Nos. 65, 67).

VIII.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that the Consents of Defendant Landis and Defendant Ridgeview are 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.

IX.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that, 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 Landis, and further, any debt for disgorgement, prejudgment interest, civil penalty, or other amounts due by Landis 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 Landis 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).

X.

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 Final Judgment.

Dated: Dec 5, 2022


UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE