

NASD
LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE, WAIVER, AND CONSENT
NO. 2006004727801

TO: Department of Enforcement
NASD

RE: Ronald Hilyer Jr., Respondent
Registered Representative
CRD No. 4817856

Pursuant to Rule 9216 of the NASD Code of Procedure, I submit this Letter of Acceptance, Waiver, and Consent ("AWC") for the purpose of proposing a settlement of the alleged rule violations described in Part II below. This AWC is submitted on the condition that, if accepted, NASD will not bring any future actions against me alleging violations based on the same factual findings.

I understand that:

1. Submission of this AWC is voluntary and will not resolve this matter unless and until it has been reviewed and accepted by NASD's Department of Enforcement and National Adjudicatory Council ("NAC") Review Subcommittee or Office of Disciplinary Affairs ("ODA"), pursuant to NASD Rule 9216;
2. If this AWC is not accepted, its submission will not be used as evidence to prove any of the allegations against me; and
3. If accepted:
 - a. this AWC will become part of my permanent disciplinary record and may be considered in any future actions brought by NASD or any other regulator against me;
 - b. this AWC will be made available through NASD's public disclosure program in response to public inquiries about my disciplinary record;
 - c. NASD may make a public announcement concerning this agreement and the subject matter thereof in accordance with NASD Rule 8310 and IM-8310-2; and
 - d. I may not take any action or make or permit to be made any public statement, including in regulatory filings or otherwise, denying, directly or indirectly, any finding in this AWC or create the impression that the AWC is without factual basis. Nothing in this provision affects my testimonial obligations or right to take legal or factual positions in litigation or other legal proceedings in which NASD is not a party.

I also understand that my experience in the securities industry and disciplinary history may be factors which will be considered in deciding whether to accept this AWC. That experience and history are as follows:

Ronald Hilyer Jr. entered the securities industry in 2004 as an applicant for registration as a Representative of a member of NASD. In December 2005, he became registered as a Representative of Spartan Securities Group, Ltd. On February 21, 2006 his registration terminated. He has not been associated with another member of NASD or registered in any capacity since then. He has not previously been the subject of an NASD disciplinary proceeding.

I.

WAIVER OF PROCEDURAL RIGHTS

I specifically and voluntarily waive the following rights granted under the NASD's Code of Procedure:

1. To have a Formal Complaint issued specifying the allegations against me;
2. To be notified of the Formal Complaint and have the opportunity to answer the allegations in writing;
3. To defend against the allegations in a disciplinary hearing before a hearing panel, to have a written record of the hearing made, and to have a written decision issued; and
4. To appeal any such decision to the NAC and then to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and a U.S. Court of Appeals.

Further, I specifically and voluntarily waive any right to claim bias or prejudgment of the General Counsel, the NAC, or any member of the NAC, in connection with such person's or body's participation in discussions regarding the terms and conditions of this AWC, or other consideration of this AWC, including acceptance or rejection of this AWC.

I further specifically and voluntarily waive any right to claim that a person violated the ex parte prohibitions of Rule 9143, or the separation of functions prohibitions of Rule 9144, in connection with such person's or body's participation in discussions regarding the terms and conditions of this AWC, or other consideration of this AWC, including its acceptance or rejection.

II.

ACCEPTANCE AND CONSENT

- A. I hereby accept and consent, without admitting or denying the findings, and solely for the purposes of this proceeding and any other proceeding brought by or on behalf of NASD, or to which NASD is a party, prior to a hearing and without an adjudication of any issue of law or fact, to the entry of the following findings by NASD:

Unauthorized Transactions

On or about January 13, 2006, Ronald Hilyer Jr. caused the purchase and sale of a securities position to be executed in the account of a customer for whom he was the Representative. He caused such purchase and sale to be executed without the prior authorization or consent of the customer to do so, and without having discretionary power over the account.

The aforesaid conduct constitutes violations by Respondent Ronald Hilyer Jr. of NASD Conduct Rule 2110 and IM-2310-2.

Failure to Provide Information

On or about April 4, April 20, May 9, and July 20, 2006, the staff of NASD sent to Ronald Hilyer Jr. requests for information, pursuant to NASD Procedural Rule 8210, relating to allegations of unauthorized trading. He failed to respond to or otherwise comply with such requests for information.

The aforesaid conduct constitutes violations by Respondent Ronald Hilyer Jr. of NASD Conduct Rule 2110 and Procedural Rule 8210.

B. I also consent to the imposition, at a maximum, of the following sanction: bar from association in any capacity with any member of NASD.

The sanction imposed herein shall be effective on a date set by NASD staff. Pursuant to IM-8310-2(f), a bar or expulsion shall become effective upon approval or acceptance of this AWC by the NAC.

III.

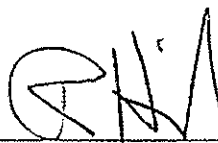
OTHER MATTERS

I understand that if I am barred or suspended from association with any NASD member, I become subject to a statutory disqualification as that term is defined in Section 3(a)(39) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Accordingly, I may not be associated with *any* NASD member in *any* capacity, including clerical or ministerial functions, during the period of the bar or suspension. (See: NASD Rule 8310 and IM-8310-1.)

I certify that I have read and understand all of the provisions of this AWC and have been given a full opportunity to ask questions about it, and that no offer, threat, inducement, or promise of any kind, other than the terms set forth herein, has been made to induce me to submit it.

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Date

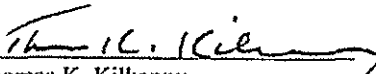


Ronald Hilyer Jr.

Accepted by NASD:

Date: March 14, 2007

Signed on behalf of the
Director of ODA, by delegated authority


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