

FINANCIAL INDUSTRY REGULATORY AUTHORITY
LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE, WAIVER AND CONSENT
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TO: Department of Market Regulation
Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA")

RE: E*Trade Capital Markets LLC, Respondent
Broker-Dealer
CRD No. 111528

Pursuant to NASD Rule 9216 of FINRA Code of Procedure, E*Trade Capital Markets LLC (the "firm") submits this Letter of Acceptance, Waiver and Consent ("AWC") for the purpose of proposing a settlement of the alleged rule violations described below. This AWC is submitted on the condition that, if accepted, FINRA will not bring any future actions against the firm alleging violations based on the same factual findings described herein.

I.

ACCEPTANCE AND CONSENT

- A. The firm hereby accepts and consents, without admitting or denying the findings, and solely for the purposes of this proceeding and any other proceeding brought by or on behalf of FINRA, or to which FINRA 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 FINRA:

BACKGROUND

The firm has been a member of FINRA since June 5, 2001, and its registration remains in effect.

RELEVANT PRIOR DISCIPLINARY HISTORY

On August 19, 2004, an AWC became final in which the firm was censured and fined \$7,500 for violations of NASD Rules 2110 and 6955(a).

On December 2, 2004, an AWC became final in which the firm was censured and fined \$25,000 for violations of NASD Rules 2110, 3010 and 6955(a).

On November 3, 2006, an AWC became final in which the firm was censured and fined \$65,000 for violations of SEC Rules 10b-10 and 604, and NASD Rules 6541 and 6955(a).

On May 14, 2007, an AWC became final in which the firm was censured and fined \$17,500 for violations of NASD Rule 6955(a).

SUMMARY

In connection with Matter No. 20080131568, the staff of FINRA's Department of Market Regulation (the "staff") conducted a review of the firm's compliance with the rules applicable to the Order Audit Trail System ("OATS") during the period January 2006 through June 2008 (the "review period").

FACTS AND VIOLATIVE CONDUCT

1. The firm implemented two desks which employed an automated proprietary trading strategy that routed certain orders to other market centers for execution. One desk was operational from January 3, 2007 through May 25, 2007, and the second desk was operational from January 2006 through June 2008. During the review period, the firm failed to submit to OATS all orders, totaling approximately 6.7 million orders that were received and handled via the firm's two proprietary trading desks. The conduct described in this paragraph constitutes separate and distinct violations of NASD Marketplace Rule 6955(a) and NASD Conduct Rule 2110.
 2. During the review period, the firm's supervisory system did not provide for supervision reasonably designed to achieve compliance with respect to the applicable securities laws and regulations, and the Rules of NASD, concerning OATS Reporting. Specifically, the firm's supervisory system did not include written supervisory procedures providing for: (1) the identification of the person(s) responsible for supervision with respect to the applicable rules; and (2) a statement of the supervisory step(s) to be taken by the identified person(s). The conduct described in this paragraph constitutes violations of NASD Conduct Rules 2110 and 3010.
- B. The firm also consents to the imposition of the following sanctions:

A censure and a fine of \$100,000, and an undertaking to revise the firm's written supervisory procedures with respect to the areas described in paragraph two. Within 30 business days of acceptance of this AWC by the National Adjudicatory Council ("NAC"), a registered principal of the Respondent shall submit to the COMPLIANCE ASSISTANT, LEGAL SECTION, MARKET REGULATION DEPARTMENT, 9509 KEY WEST AVENUE, ROCKVILLE, MD 20850, a signed, dated letter, providing the following information: (1) a reference to this matter; (2) a representation that the firm has revised its written supervisory procedures to address the deficiencies described in paragraph two; and, (3) the date the revised procedures were implemented.

The firm agrees to pay the monetary sanction(s) upon notice that this AWC has been accepted and that such payment(s) are due and payable. It has submitted an Election of Payment form showing the method by which it proposes to pay the fine imposed.

The firm specifically and voluntarily waives any right to claim that it is unable to pay, now or at any time hereafter, the monetary sanction(s) imposed in this matter.

The sanctions imposed herein shall be effective on a date set by FINRA staff.

II.

WAIVER OF PROCEDURAL RIGHTS

The firm specifically and voluntarily waives the following rights granted under FINRA's Code of Procedure:

- A. To have a Formal Complaint issued specifying the allegations against the firm;
- B. To be notified of the Formal Complaint and have the opportunity to answer the allegations in writing;
- C. 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
- D. 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, the firm specifically and voluntarily waives 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.

The firm further specifically and voluntarily waives any right to claim that a person violated the ex parte prohibitions of NASD Rule 9143 or the separation of functions prohibitions of NASD 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.

III.

OTHER MATTERS

The firm understands that:

- A. Submission of this AWC is voluntary and will not resolve this matter unless and until it has been reviewed and accepted by the NAC, a Review Subcommittee of the NAC, or the Office of Disciplinary Affairs ("ODA"), pursuant to NASD Rule 9216;
- B. If this AWC is not accepted, its submission will not be used as evidence to prove any of the allegations against the firm; and
- C. If accepted:
 - 1. *this AWC will become part of the firm's permanent disciplinary record and may be considered in any future actions brought by FINRA or any other regulator against the firm;*
 - 2. *this AWC will be made available through FINRA's public disclosure program in response to public inquiries about the firm's disciplinary record;*
 - 3. *FINRA may make a public announcement concerning this agreement and the subject matter thereof in accordance with NASD Rule 8310 and IM-8310-3; and*
 - 4. *The firm 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. The firm may not take any position in any proceeding brought by or on behalf of FINRA, or to which FINRA is a party, that is inconsistent with any part of this AWC. Nothing in this provision affects the firm's right to take legal or factual positions in litigation or other legal proceedings in which FINRA is not a party.*
- D. The firm may attach a Corrective Action Statement to this AWC that is a statement of demonstrable corrective steps taken to prevent future misconduct. The firm understands that it may not deny the charges or make any statement that is inconsistent with the AWC in this Statement. This Statement does not constitute factual or legal findings by FINRA, nor does it reflect the views of FINRA or its staff.

The firm certifies that it has read and understands all of the provisions of this AWC and has been given a full opportunity to ask questions about it; that it has agreed to the AWC's provisions voluntarily; and that no offer, threat, inducement, or promise of any kind, other than the terms set forth herein and the prospect of avoiding the issuance of a Complaint, has been made to induce the firm to submit it.

9/5/08
Date

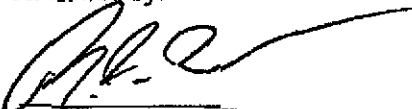
E*Trade Capital Markets LLC

By: 

Name: Christopher Meyer

Title: CCO

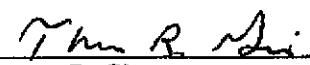
Reviewed by:


Counsel for Respondent

Accepted by FINRA:

9/30/08
Date

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


Thomas R. Gira
Executive Vice President
Department of Market Regulation