

**FINANCIAL INDUSTRY REGULATORY AUTHORITY
LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE, WAIVER AND CONSENT
NO. 20100257684-02**

TO: Department of Market Regulation
Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA")

RE: SG Americas Securities, LLC, Respondent
Broker-Dealer
CRD No. 128351

Pursuant to FINRA Rule 9216 of FINRA's Code of Procedure, SG Americas Securities, 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 April 23, 2004 and its registration remains in effect.

RELEVANT DISCIPLINARY HISTORY

On September 28, 2009, the firm agreed to an AWC in matter 20060064884 that included a \$32,500 fine for violations of NASD Rules 4632, 6130(a) (a \$25,000 fine) and 6955(a) (a \$7,500 fine) for reviews encompassing the period of April 1, 2006 through August 31, 2007.

SUMMARY

In connection with Matter 20100257684, the Trading and Market Making Surveillance ("TMMS") staff of the Market Regulation Department reviewed the firm's trading and market making activities set forth on Exhibit 1 which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, for the review period of December 15, 2010 through December 16, 2010 (the "review period").

FACTS AND VIOLATIVE CONDUCT

In connection with matter 20100257684, the staff concluded:

1. During the review period, the firm failed to properly mark 439 sell orders as long or short and as a result, also failed to report the transactions in reportable securities to an Exchange with the correct symbol indicating whether the transactions were long or short. The conduct described in this paragraph constitutes separate and distinct violations of SEC Rule 200(g) of Regulation SHO.
2. During the period of August 1, 2011 through April 30, 2012 as well as during the review period, the firm, on 258 occasions, accepted a short sale order in an equity security from another person, or effected a short sale in an equity security for its own account, without (1) borrowing the security, or entering into a bona-fide arrangement to borrow the security; or (2) having reasonable grounds to believe that the security could be borrowed so that it could be delivered on the date delivery is due; and (3) documenting compliance with SEC Rule 203(b)(1) of Regulation SHO. The conduct described in this paragraph constitutes separate and distinct violations of SEC Rule 203(b)(1) of Regulation SHO.
3. During the review period, the firm failed to correctly report an agency transaction to the FINRA/Nasdaq Trade Reporting Facility ("TRF") in 37 instances, in 11 instances failed to report an agency cross to the TRF, in two instances incorrectly reported a Market Center Code to the TRF, and in one instance, failed to report a transaction to the TRF. The conduct described in this paragraph constitutes separate and distinct violations of FINRA Rule 7230A.
4. During the review period, the firm transmitted to OATS 47 reports that contained inaccurate, incomplete, or improperly formatted data. Specifically, the reports contained inaccurate timestamps, omitted or inaccurate Account Type Codes. These inaccurate and/or incomplete reports represented 94 percent (from a sample of 50) that the firm transmitted to OATS during the review period. The conduct described in this paragraph constitutes separate and distinct violations of FINRA Rule 7450.
5. During the review period, firm's supervisory system did not provide for supervision reasonably designed to achieve compliance with respect to certain applicable securities laws and regulations, and/or the Rules of FINRA. At a minimum, adequate written supervisory procedures addressing quality of markets topics should describe the following:
 - (a) specific identification of the individual(s) responsible for supervision;
 - (b) the supervisory steps and reviews to be taken by the appropriate supervisor;

- (c) the frequency of such reviews; and
- (d) how such reviews shall be documented.

The firm's written supervisory procedures failed to provide for one or more of the four above-cited minimum requirements for adequate written supervisory procedures, in the following subject areas: Best Execution: 3-Quote Rule [(a), (b), (c), (d)]; Trade Reporting: Accuracy of TRF reports, [(b)], Reporting riskless principal trades [(b)]; Sale Transactions: Order Marking [(b)], Reporting sales to TRF [(b)]; OATS: Accuracy of OATS data [(b)], Consistency of OATS vs. TRF data [(b)]; Books and Records: Accuracy and preservation of records [(b)].

The staff also concluded that the firm failed to provide documentary evidence that during December 2010 that it performed the supervisory reviews set forth in its written supervisory procedures concerning: Sale Transactions: Soft Dollar Accounts and Trading: Preparing records of soft dollar credits; Monitoring trades for which soft dollar credits are accrued; preparing records that reflect cost/value research, Monitoring research and services.

The conduct described in paragraph 5 constitutes separate and distinct violations of FINRA Rule 2010 and NASD Rule 3010.

B. The firm also consents to the imposition of the following sanctions:

A censure and a fine of \$27,500 (consisting of \$10,000 for the violations stemming from SEC short order marking and affirmative determination requirements, \$7,500 for OATS violations, \$5,000 for Trade Reporting violations and \$5,000 for Supervision related violations.)

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 Complaint issued specifying the allegations against the firm;
- B. To be notified of the 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 National Adjudicatory Council ("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 FINRA Rule 9143 or the separation of functions prohibitions of FINRA 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

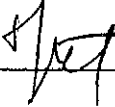
The firm understands that:

- 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 FINRA 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 FINRA Rule 8313; 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: (i) testimonial obligations; or (ii) 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 undersigned, on behalf of the Firm, certifies that a person duly authorized to act on its behalf 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.

9.16.13
Date

Respondent
SG Americas Securities, LLC
By: 
Name: Guillaume Buathier
Title: Managing Director

Reviewed by:


Counsel for Respondent

Accepted by FINRA:

10/22/13
Date

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


Gerard P. Finn
Chief Counsel
Department of Market Regulation

2011 Market Regulation Examination Samples
SG Americas, LLC. ("SGAS")
Exam No. 20100257684
Sample Source/Period*: December 15-16, 2010 Trade Date(s)

<u>Sample Size</u>	<u>Sample Description</u>
604	Sales reviewed for compliance with SEC Rule 200(g) long/short sale recording requirements
11	Short Sales reviewed for compliance with SEC Rule 203(b) security location requirements
0	Sales reviewed for compliance with SEC Rule 204 fail-to-deliver requirements
121	Sell trades reported to a TRF or OTCRF for compliance with sale indicator requirements, FINRA Rules 6182 or 6624
448	Sell orders entered into Nasdaq Exchange execution system for compliance with Nasdaq Rule 4755(a)(1)(A) long/short reporting requirements
448	Buy and Sell orders entered into Nasdaq Exchange execution system for compliance with Nasdaq Rule 4611 capacity reporting requirements
0	Sell orders entered into Nasdaq OMX BX execution system for compliance with Nasdaq OMX BX Rule 4755 long/short reporting requirements
0	Sell orders entered into Nasdaq OMX PHLX execution system for compliance with Nasdaq OMX PHLX Rule 3305 long/short reporting requirements
41	Sell orders entered into DirectEdge Exchange execution system for compliance with EDGA/EDGX Rule 11.15 long/short reporting requirements
50	Sell orders entered into NYSE-Arca execution system for compliance with NYSE-Arca Equity Rule 7.16 long/short reporting requirements
59	Sell orders entered into a BATS execution system for compliance with BATS Rule 11.19 long/short reporting requirements
N/A	Limit orders for NMS securities in which the member acts as an exchange market maker for compliance with the display requirements of SEC Rules 602 and 604, and Nasdaq Rule 3390
4	Orders for compliance with best execution requirements of NASD Rule 2320 0 Held orders from the Held Order Protection Review 0 Not Held orders from the Not Held Order Review 0 Order executed with a .PRP (Prior Reference Price) trade modifier 4 Customer orders in OTC equity securities for compliance with NASD Rule 3110(b) requirements to ascertain and document best interdealer market related to execution of orders
N/A	Orders for compliance with order protection requirements of NASD Rules 2110, IM-2110-2, 2111, and Nasdaq Rules 2110, IM-2110-2, and 2111
0	Open Limit orders to buy and/or open Stop orders to sell securities that traded ex-dividend for compliance with NASD Rule 3220 and Nasdaq Rule 4761
N/A	Order memoranda and Net Trading agreements for compliance with NASD Rule 2441 requirements
50	Orders in securities required to be submitted to OATS for compliance with FINRA Rules 7440 and 7450, and Nasdaq Rules 6954 and 6955 requirements

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9	Customer confirmations prepared and maintained in connection with select samples for compliance with SEC Rule 10b-10
N/A	Orders for NMS securities in which the Firm acts as a market center for compliance with SEC Rule 605 order classification requirements
N/A	Data sets published for December 2010 monthly order execution report for compliance with SEC Rule 605 requirement to publish accurate data (a 'data set' encompasses all required statistical data for single security and order type/size category as described in SEC Rule 605)
1st Quarter 2011	Quarterly Routing Report for compliance with SEC Rule 606 requirements
27	CRD registration records for persons conducting and/or supervising Firm's trading and/or market making activities for compliance with NASD Rule Series 1020, 1030, 1040 and Nasdaq Rule Series 1020, 1030, 1040
4	Customer orders in OTC equity securities for compliance with NASD Rule 3110(b) requirements to ascertain and document best interdealer market related to execution of orders
0	Disclosures to customers relating to trading in the Extended Hours session for compliance with FINRA Rule 2265 and Nasdaq Rule 4631
1416	Records prepared and maintained in connection with the above samples for compliance with SEC Rules 17a-3 and 17a-4, and NASD Rule 3110
116	Trades reported to a TRF or OTCRF for compliance with FINRA Rules 6380A and 7230A or 6622 and 7330
All Provided	Member's "Regular & Rigorous" review procedures regarding order execution quality for compliance with NASD Rules 2320 and 3010
All Provided	Member's supervisory and operational policies and procedures and documentation evidencing execution of the policies and procedures for compliance with SEC Regulation NMS Rule 611
All Provided	Member's supervisory system, written supervisory procedures ("WSPs") and documentation evidencing execution of the WSPs for compliance with NASD Rule 3010 or Nasdaq Rule 3010 requirements
N/A	Trading Halts declared during the on-site portion of the examination for which FINRA Staff observed the operation of the ATS.
N/A	Trades reported to the ADF/TRACS for compliance with FINRA Rule 6282
N/A	ADF orders and quotes accessed by other market participants for compliance with FINRA Rule 6250 requirements to submit Order and Order Response reports

* unless otherwise noted