

FINANCIAL INDUSTRY REGULATORY AUTHORITY
LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE, WAIVER AND CONSENT
NO. 20130359605-01

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

RE: ICAP Corporates LLC, Respondent
Broker-Dealer
CRD No. 2762

Pursuant to FINRA Rule 9216 of FINRA's Code of Procedure, ICAP Corporates, LLC ("ICAP", the "Firm" or "Respondent") 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 Respondent alleging violations based on the same factual findings described herein.

I.

ACCEPTANCE AND CONSENT

- A. Respondent 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

ICAP has been a FINRA member firm since February 2, 1966. The Firm primarily operates as an inter-dealer broker that trades in several securities, including preferred stocks, options and fixed income securities such as OTC corporate and high yield bonds.

DISCIPLINARY HISTORY

The Firm has no relevant disciplinary history.

SUMMARY

In connection with FINRA Matter Nos. 20130359605 and 20130389988, the Department of Market Regulation staff reviewed the Firm's compliance with Trade Reporting and Compliance Engine ("TRACE") reporting requirements during the period between October 1, 2012 and December 31, 2012 (the "initial review period") and during the period between July 1, 2013 and September 30, 2013 (the "second review period").

FACTS AND VIOLATIVE CONDUCT

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1. During the initial review period, ICAP failed to timely report to TRACE 350 S1 transactions in TRACE-eligible Corporate Debt Securities within 15 minutes of the time of execution. These late transactions constituted 4.04% of the S1 transactions in TRACE-eligible Corporate Debt Securities that the Firm should have reported to TRACE during the initial review period. The conduct described in this paragraph constitutes separate and distinct violations of FINRA Rule 6730(a), and a pattern or practice of late reporting without exceptional circumstances, in violation of FINRA Rule 2010.

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2. During the second review period, ICAP failed to timely report to TRACE 536 S1 transactions in TRACE-eligible Corporate Debt Securities within 15 minutes of the time of execution. These late transactions constituted 6.77% of the S1 transactions in TRACE-eligible Corporate Debt Securities that the Firm should have reported to TRACE during the second review period. The conduct described in this paragraph constitutes separate and distinct violations of FINRA Rule 6730(a), and a pattern or practice of late reporting without exceptional circumstances, in violation of FINRA Rule 2010.

B. Respondent also consents to the imposition of the following sanctions:

- A Censure; and
- Fine of \$15,000

Respondent 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. Respondent 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

Respondent 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, Respondent specifically and voluntarily waives any right to claim bias or prejudgment of the Chief Legal Officer, 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.

Respondent 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

Respondent 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 Respondent; and
- C. If accepted:
 - 1. This AWC will become part of Respondent’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 accordance with FINRA Rule 8313;

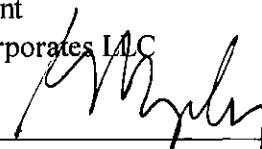
3. FINRA may make a public announcement concerning this agreement and the subject matter thereof in accordance with FINRA Rule 8313; and
4. Respondent may not take any action or make or permit to be made any public statement, including in regulatory filings or otherwise, denying, directly or indirectly, any finding in this AWC or create the impression that the AWC is without factual basis. Respondent 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 Respondent'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. Respondent may attach a Corrective Action Statement to this AWC that is a statement of demonstrable corrective steps taken to prevent future misconduct. ICAP 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.

3/10/15
Date

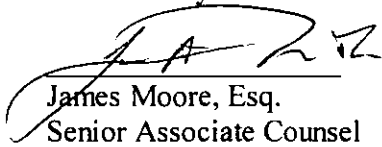
Respondent
ICAP Corporate LLC

By: 

Name: Gregory F. Murphy

Title: C.O.O. Corporate Bonds

Reviewed by:



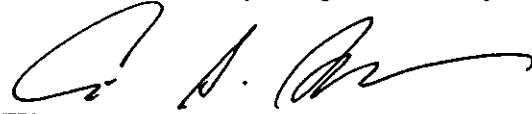
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Accepted by FINRA:

3/17/2015
Date

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



Eric S. Brown
Chief Counsel
FINRA Department of Market Regulation