

NASD
LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE, WAIVER AND CONSENT
CLG050084

TO: Market Regulation Department
NASD

RE: EWT, LLC, Respondent
Broker-Dealer
CRD No. 45986

Pursuant to Rule 9216 of the NASD Code of Procedure, EWT, LLC ("PIFU" or the "firm") submits 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 the firm alleging violations based on the same factual findings.

The firm understands 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 Market Regulation Department 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 the firm; and
3. If accepted:
 - a. this AWC will become part of the firm's permanent disciplinary record and may be considered in any future actions brought by the NASD or any other regulator against the firm;
 - b. this AWC will be made available through NASD's public disclosure program in response to public inquiries about the firm's 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. 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 allegation in this AWC or create the impression that the AWC is without factual basis. Nothing in this provision affects the firm's testimonial obligations or right to take legal or factual positions in litigation or other legal proceedings in which NASD is not a party.

PIFU also understands that the firm's experience in the securities industry and the firm's disciplinary history may be factors that will be considered in deciding whether to accept this AWC.

PIFU has been a member of NASD since April 27, 1999 and its registration remains in effect. PIFU has the following relevant disciplinary history:

- On November 25, 2003, an AWC became final in which PIFU was censured and fined \$10,000 for late reporting to the Order Audit Trail System ("OATS") and inadequate written supervisory procedures concerning OATS rules, violations of NASD Marketplace Rule 6955(a) and NASD Conduct Rules 2110 and 3010.

I.

WAIVER OF PROCEDURAL RIGHTS

PIFU specifically and voluntarily waives the following rights granted under NASD'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, PIFU 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.

PIFU further specifically and voluntarily waives 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

In Market Regulation Review No. 20042000234/MRD200445076, the Market Regulation Department staff (the "staff") conducted a review of PIFU's compliance with NASD's OATS rules during the review period of October 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003 (the "review period").

- A. PIFU hereby accepts and consents, without admitting or denying the allegations or 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:
1. During the review period, PIFU failed to timely report to OATS 4,532,446 Reportable Order Events ("ROEs"). These late ROEs represented 12 percent of all ROEs (37,005,995) submitted by PIFU to OATS during the review period.
 2. During the review period, PIFU submitted to OATS 844,588 reports with respect to equity securities traded on the Nasdaq Stock Market (the "subject reports") that were not in the electronic form prescribed by NASD and were repairable. The subject reports were rejected by the OATS system and notice of such rejection was made available to the firm on the OATS website. The firm did not correct or replace 524,182 of the subject reports, or 62 percent of the subject reports.
 3. The conduct described in paragraphs one and two above constitutes separate and distinct violations of NASD Marketplace Rule 6955(a) and NASD Conduct Rule 2110.
- B. PIFU also consents to the imposition, at a maximum, of the following sanctions:

A censure and a fine of \$15,000.

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

III.**OTHER MATTERS**

- A. PIFU understands that it may attach a Corrective Action Statement to this AWC which is a statement of demonstrable corrective steps taken to prevent future misconduct. PIFU 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 NASD nor does it reflect the views of NASD or its staff.
- B. PIFU agrees to pay any monetary sanctions imposed on it upon notice that this AWC has been accepted and that such payments are due and payable, and has attached the Election of Payment form showing the method by which the firm proposes to pay any fine imposed.
- C. PIFU specifically and voluntarily waives any right to claim that the firm is unable to pay, now or at any time hereafter, any monetary sanction imposed in this matter.

PIFU certifies that the firm has read and understands all of the provisions of this AWC and has 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 PIFU to submit it.

Respondent

EWI, LLC

5.11.05
Date

By: [Signature]
Name Rodney Faragalla
Title President

Reviewed by:

[Signature]
Counsel for Respondent

Accepted by NASD

7/6/05
Date

[Signature]
Thomas R. Gira
Executive Vice President and Deputy
Market Regulation Department

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

Attachment
Standard Election of Payment Form