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# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION

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FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION,	)
Plaintiff, v.	) ) Civil Action No. 10 CV 6123 )
	) Judge Ronald Guzman
AMERICAN TAX RELIEF LLC, d/b/a American Tax Relief,	) Magistrate Judge Arlander Keys )
ALEXANDER SEUNG HAHN, a/k/a Alex Hahn, individually and as an officer or director of AMERICAN TAX RELIEF LLC,	) ) )
JOO HYUN PARK, a/k/a Joo Park, individually and as an officer or director of AMERICAN TAX RELIEF LLC,	) ) )
Defendants, and	)
YOUNG SOON PARK, a/k/a Young S. Son, and	) )
IL KON PARK,	)
Relief Defendants.	) )

# PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION WITH ASSET FREEZE AND OTHER EQUITABLE RELIEF

Plaintiff, Federal Trade Commission ("FTC" or "Commission"), filed its Complaint for a Permanent Injunction and Other Equitable Relief in this matter, pursuant to Section 13(b) of the Federal Trade Commission Act ("FTC Act"), 15 U.S.C. § 53(b), and Sections 5(a) and 5(n) of the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 45(a) and 45(n). On September 24, 2010, the Honorable Joan B. Gottschall entered an *Ex Parte* Temporary Restraining Order with Asset Freeze and Other

Equitable Relief ("TRO") pursuant to Rule 65 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Fed. R. Civ. P. 65, which was extended by this Court by stipulation of the parties.

This Court having considered the pleadings, memoranda, declarations, and other exhibits filed herein, and the parties having agreed to a limited consent of the exercise of jurisdiction by Magistrate Judge Arlander Keys over the entry of a preliminary injunction, and being fully advised in the premises, finds that:

- 1. This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this case and jurisdiction over the parties.
  - 2. Venue, process, and service of process are proper.
- 3. There is good cause to believe that Defendants American Tax Relief LLC, d/b/a American Tax Relief; Alexander Seung Hahn; and Joo Hyun Park (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Defendants") have engaged in, and are likely to engage in the future in, acts and practices that violate Sections 5(a) and 5(n) of the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 45(a) and 45(n), and that the Commission is therefore likely to prevail on the merits of this action.
- 4. There is good cause to believe that Relief Defendants Young Soon Park, a/k/a Young S. Son, and Il Kon Park have received ill-gotten funds or otherwise benefitted from funds that are the proceeds of Defendants' unlawful acts.
- 5. There is good cause to believe that immediate and irreparable damage to the Court's ability to grant effective final relief for consumers in the form of monetary restitution will occur from the sale, transfer, or other disposition or concealment by Defendants and Relief Defendants of their assets or corporate records unless Defendants and Relief Defendants are immediately restrained and enjoined by Order of this Court.

- 6. There is good cause for issuing this Order pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 65(b).
- 7. Weighing the equities and considering the Commission's likelihood of ultimate success, a Preliminary Injunction is in the public interest.
- 8. No security is required of any agency of the United States for issuance of a restraining order. Fed. R. Civ. P. 65(c).

#### **DEFINITIONS**

For purposes of this Preliminary Injunction ("Order"), the following definitions shall apply:

- 1. "Asset" or "Assets" means any legal or equitable interest in, right to, or claim to, any real or personal property, including, but not limited to, "goods," "instruments," "equipment," "fixtures," "general intangibles," "inventory," "checks," or "notes," (as these terms are defined in the Uniform Commercial Code), lines of credit, chattels, leaseholds, contracts, mail or other deliveries, shares of stock, lists of consumer names, accounts, credits, premises, receivables, funds, and all cash, wherever located.
- 2. "Assisting Others" includes, but is not limited to: (a) performing customer service functions, including, but not limited to, receiving or responding to consumer complaints; (b) formulating or providing, or arranging for the formulation or provision of, any sales script or other marketing material; (c) providing names of, or assisting in the generation of, potential customers; (d) performing or providing marketing or billing services of any kind; or (e) acting as an officer or director of a business entity.

- 3. "Corporate Defendant" or "Receivership Defendant" means American Tax Relief LLC, d/b/a American Tax Relief; and its successors and assigns, including, but not limited to, any sole proprietorships or partnerships, as well as any subsidiaries, including, but not limited to, Tax Group Company, and any fictitious business entities or business names created or used by these entities, or any of them.
- 4. "**Defendants**" means all of the Individual Defendants and the Corporate Defendant, individually, collectively, or in any combination.
- 5. "Document" or "Documents" means any materials listed in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 34(a) and includes writings, drawings, graphs, charts, photographs, audio and video recordings, computer records, and other data compilations from which information can be obtained and translated, if necessary, into reasonably usable form through detection devices. A draft or nonidentical copy is a separate Document within the meaning of the term.
- 6. **"Financial Institution"** means any bank, savings and loan institution, credit union, or any financial depository of any kind, including, but not limited to, any brokerage house, trustee, broker-dealer, escrow agent, title company, commodity trading company, or precious metal dealer.
- 7. "Individual Defendants" means Alexander Seung Hahn, a/k/a Alex Hahn, and Joo Hyun Park, a/k/a Joo Park, and by whatever other names each may be known.
- 8. "Person" means a natural person, an organization or other legal entity, including a corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship, limited liability company, association, cooperative, or any other group or combination acting as an entity.
  - 9. "Plaintiff" means the Federal Trade Commission ("Commission" or "FTC").

10. "Relief Defendants" means Young Soon Park, a/k/a Young S. Son, and Il Kon Park, and by whatever other names each may be known.

I.

# PROHIBITED BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Defendants, and their officers, agents, servants, employees, and attorneys, and all other Persons in active concert or participation with any of them, who receive actual notice of this Order by personal service or otherwise, whether acting directly or through any trust, corporation, subsidiary, division, or other device, or any of them, in connection with the advertising, marketing, promotion, offering for sale, or sale of any product or service, including, but not limited to, tax relief services, are hereby restrained and enjoined from:

- A. Misrepresenting, or Assisting Others in misrepresenting, directly or indirectly, expressly or by implication, any material fact, including, but not limited to, that:
- 1. Defendants have significantly reduced the tax debts of thousands of people;
- 2. Consumers qualify for a tax relief program, including, but not limited to, an Offer in Compromise or a Penalty Abatement; and
- 3. By purchasing Defendants' services, consumers will be able to obtain a settlement that significantly reduces their total tax debts; and
- B. Charging, causing to be charged, or Assisting Others in charging any consumer's credit card, or debiting, causing to be debited, or Assisting Others in debiting any consumer's bank account without the consumer's express informed consent for such charge or debit.

II.

### **ASSET FREEZE**

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendants and Relief Defendants, and their officers, agents, servants, and employees, and all other Persons in active concert or participation with any of them, who receive actual notice of this Order by personal service or otherwise, whether acting directly or through any trust, corporation, subsidiary, division, or other device, or any of them, except as provided herein, as stipulated by the parties, or as directed by further order of the Court, are hereby restrained and enjoined from:

- A. Transferring, liquidating, converting, encumbering, pledging, loaning, selling, concealing, dissipating, disbursing, assigning, spending, withdrawing, granting a lien or security interest or other interest in, or otherwise disposing of any funds, real or personal property, accounts, contracts, shares of stock, lists of consumer names, or other Assets, or any interest therein, wherever located, including outside the territorial United States, that are:
- 1. Owned, controlled, or held by, in whole or in part, for the benefit of, or subject to access by, or belonging to, any Defendant or Relief Defendant;
- In the actual or constructive possession of any Defendant or Relief
   Defendant; or
- 3. In the actual or constructive possession of, or owned, controlled, or held by, or subject to access by, or belonging to, any other corporation, partnership, trust, or any other entity directly or indirectly owned, managed, or controlled by, or under common control with, any Defendant or Relief Defendant, including, but not limited to, any Assets held by or for any Defendant or Relief Defendant in any account at any bank or savings and loan institution, or with

any credit card processing agent, automated clearing house processor, network transaction processor, bank debit processing agent, customer service agent, commercial mail receiving agency, or mail holding or forwarding company, or any credit union, retirement fund custodian, money market or mutual fund, storage company, trustee, or with any broker-dealer, escrow agent, title company, commodity trading company, precious metal dealer, or other Financial Institution or depository of any kind, either within or outside the territorial United States;

- B. Opening or causing to be opened any safe deposit boxes, commercial mail boxes, or storage facilities titled in the name of any Defendant or Relief Defendant, or subject to access by any Defendant or Relief Defendant or under any Defendant's or Relief Defendant's control, without providing the Commission prior notice and an opportunity to inspect the contents in order to determine that they contain no Assets covered by this Section:
- C. Cashing any checks or depositing any payments from customers or clients of Defendants;
- D. Incurring charges or cash advances on any credit card issued in the name, singly or jointly, of any Defendant or Relief Defendant; or
- E. Incurring liens or encumbrances on real property, personal property, or other Assets in the name, singly or jointly, of any Defendant or Relief Defendant, or of any corporation, partnership, or other entity directly or indirectly owned, managed, or controlled by any Defendant or Relief Defendant.

Notwithstanding the asset freeze provisions of Section II.A-E above, and subject to prior written agreement with the Commission, Individual Defendants and Relief Defendants, may,

upon compliance with Section IV (Financial Statements), *infra*, pay from their individual personal funds reasonable, usual, ordinary, and necessary living expenses.

The funds, property, and Assets affected by this Section shall include both existing Assets and Assets acquired after the effective date of this Order.

## III.

# <u>DUTIES OF THIRD PARTIES HOLDING DEFENDANTS' OR</u> <u>RELIEF DEFENDANTS' ASSETS</u>

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any Financial Institution, business entity, or Person maintaining or having custody or control of any account or other Asset of any Defendant or Relief Defendant, or any corporation, partnership, or other entity directly or indirectly owned, managed, or controlled by, or under common control with any Defendant or Relief Defendant, which is served with a copy of this Order, or otherwise has actual or constructive knowledge of this Order, shall:

- A. Hold and retain within its control and prohibit the withdrawal, removal, assignment, transfer, pledge, hypothecation, encumbrance, disbursement, dissipation, conversion, sale, liquidation, or other disposal of any of the Assets, funds, Documents, or other property held by, or under its control:
- 1. On behalf of, or for the benefit of, any Defendant, Relief Defendant, or any other party subject to Section II above;
- 2. In any account maintained in the name of, or for the benefit of, or subject to withdrawal by, any Defendant, Relief Defendant, or other party subject to Section II above; and

- 3. That are subject to access or use by, or under the signatory power of, any Defendant, Relief Defendant, or other party subject to Section II above.
- B. Deny Defendants and Relief Defendants access to any safe deposit boxes or storage facilities that are either:
- 1. Titled in the name, individually or jointly, of any Defendant, Relief Defendant, or other party subject to Section II above; or
- 2. Subject to access by any Defendant, Relief Defendant, or other party subject to Section II above.
- C. Unless previously submitted in full compliance with the TRO, provide the Commission, within five (5) days of the date of service of this Order, a sworn statement setting forth:
- 1. The identification number of each account or Asset titled in the name, individually or jointly, of any Defendant or Relief Defendant, or held on behalf of, or for the benefit of, any Defendant, Relief Defendant, or other party subject to Section II above, including all trust accounts managed on behalf of any Defendant or Relief Defendant, or subject to any Defendant or Relief Defendant's control;
- 2. The balance of each such account, or a description of the nature and value of such Asset;
- 3. The identification and location of any safe deposit box, commercial mail box, or storage facility that is either titled in the name, individually or jointly, of any Defendant or Relief Defendant, or is otherwise subject to access or control by any Defendant, Relief Defendant, or other party subject to Section II above, whether in whole or in part; and

- 4. If the account, safe deposit box, storage facility, or other Asset has been closed or removed, the date closed or removed and the balance on said date.
- D. Allow representatives of Plaintiff immediate access to inspect and copy, or upon Plaintiff's request, within five (5) business days of said request, provide the Commission with copies of all records or other documentation pertaining to each such account or Asset, including, but not limited to, originals or copies of account applications, account statements, corporate resolutions, signature cards, checks, drafts, deposit tickets, transfers to and from the accounts, all other debit and credit instruments or slips, currency transaction reports, 1099 forms, and safe deposit box logs; and
- E. This Section shall apply to existing accounts and Assets, Assets deposited or accounts opened after the effective date of this Order, and any accounts or Assets maintained, held or controlled two years prior to the effective date of this Order. This Section shall not prohibit transfers in accordance with any provision of this Order, any further order of the Court, or by written agreement of the parties.

#### IV.

## **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, unless previously submitted in full compliance with the TRO, each Defendant and Relief Defendant shall serve upon counsel for the Commission, no later than three (3) business days after entry of this Order, a completed financial statement accurate as of the date of entry of this Order and signed under penalty of perjury, on the forms served on Defendants and Relief Defendants with the TRO.

The financial statements shall include Assets held outside the territory of the United States, shall be accurate as of the date of the entry of this Order, and shall be verified under oath. Defendants and Relief Defendants shall attach to these completed financial statements copies of all local, state, provincial, and federal income and property tax returns, with attachments and schedules, as called for by the instructions to the financial statements.

V.

## MAINTAIN RECORDS AND REPORT NEW BUSINESS ACTIVITY

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendants, and their officers, agents, servants, employees, and attorneys, and all other Persons in active concert or participation with any of them, who receive actual notice of this Order by personal service or otherwise, whether acting directly or through any trust, corporation, subsidiary, division, or other device, or any of them, are hereby restrained and enjoined from:

- A. Failing to create and maintain books, records, accounts, bank statements, current accountants' reports, general ledgers, general journals, cash receipt ledgers, cash disbursement ledgers and source Documents, Documents indicating title to real or personal property, and any other data which, in reasonable detail, accurately, fairly, and completely reflect the incomes, disbursements, transactions, dispositions, and uses of the Defendants' Assets;
- B. Destroying, erasing, mutilating, concealing, altering, transferring, or otherwise disposing of, in any manner, directly or indirectly, any Documents, including electronically-stored materials, that relate in any way to the business practices or business or personal finances of Defendants; to the business practices or finances of entities directly or indirectly under the

control of Defendants; or to the business practices or finances of entities directly or indirectly under common control with any other Defendant; and

C. Creating, operating, or exercising any control over any new business entity, whether newly formed or previously inactive, including any partnership, limited partnership, joint venture, sole proprietorship, or corporation, without first providing Plaintiff with a written statement disclosing: (1) the name of the business entity; (2) the address and telephone number of the business entity; (3) the names of the business entity's officers, directors, principals, managers, and employees; and (4) a detailed description of the business entity's intended activities.

## VI.

# PROHIBITION ON DISCLOSING CUSTOMER INFORMATION

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendants, and their officers, agents, servants, employees, and attorneys, and all other Persons in active concert or participation with any of them, who receive actual notice of this Order by personal service or otherwise, are hereby restrained and enjoined from:

- A. Selling, renting, leasing, transferring, or otherwise disclosing the name, address, birth date, telephone number, email address, Social Security number, Social Insurance number, credit card number, bank account number, or other financial or identifying personal information of any Person from whom or about whom any Defendant obtained such information in connection with activities alleged in the FTC's Complaint; and
- B. Benefitting from or using the name, address, birth date, telephone number, email address, Social Security number, Social Insurance number, credit card number, bank account

number, or other financial or identifying personal information of any Person from whom or about whom any Defendant obtained such information in connection with activities alleged in the FTC's Complaint.

Provided, however, that Defendants may disclose such financial or identifying personal information to a law enforcement agency or as required by any law, regulation, or court order.

#### VII.

#### RECEIVER

#### A. APPOINTMENT OF RECEIVER

appointed Equity Receiver ("Receiver") for Receivership Defendant and any of its affiliates, subsidiaries, divisions, or telephone sales or customer service operations, wherever located, with the full power of an equity receiver. The Receiver shall be the agent of this Court, and solely the agent of this Court, in acting as Receiver under this Order. The Receiver shall be accountable directly to this Court. The Receiver shall comply with all Local Rules of this Court governing receivers. *Provided, however*, that nothing herein shall be interpreted as permitting the Receiver to intentionally invade the attorney-client privilege, nor to distribute any privileged or work product information belonging to Defendants, nor to permit the Receiver to waive or forfeit any of Defendants' claims of attorney-client privilege, work product doctrine, or other applicable privileges. To the extent the Receiver or either party has a question or issue concerning the privileged nature of any communication or information, which cannot be resolved informally, the Receiver or any party may seek a determination by the Court.

## B. RECEIVERSHIP DUTIES

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Receiver is directed and authorized to accomplish the following:

- 1. Assume full control of the Receivership Defendant by removing, as the Receiver deems necessary or advisable, any director, officer, employee, independent contractor, or agent of the Receivership Defendant, including any Individual Defendant, from control of, management of, or participation in, the affairs of the Receivership Defendant;
- Documents of, or in the possession, custody, or under the control of, the Receivership Defendant, wherever situated. The Receiver shall have full power to divert mail and to sue for, collect, receive, take in possession, hold, and manage all Assets and Documents of the Receivership Defendant and other persons or entities whose interests are now held by or under the direction, possession, custody, or control of the Receivership Defendant. Provided, however, that the Receiver shall not attempt to collect any amount from a consumer or to allow the Receivership Defendant to continue to debit or otherwise charge a consumer's account, if the Receiver believes the consumer was a victim of the unfair or deceptive acts or practices alleged in the Complaint in this matter;
- 3. Use any means necessary to take possession of and to secure all areas of the business premises of the Receivership Defendant. Such steps may include, but are not limited to, the following as the Receiver deems necessary or advisable: (a) serving this Order; (b) completing a written inventory of all receivership Assets; (c) obtaining pertinent information from all employees and other agents of the Receivership Defendant, including, but not limited to,

the name, home address, Social Security number, job description, method of compensation, and all accrued and unpaid commissions and compensation of each such employee or agent; (d) videotaping all portions of the locations; (e) securing the locations by changing the locks and disconnecting any computer modems or other means of access to the computer or other records maintained at the locations; (f) requiring any persons present on the premises at the time this Order is served to leave the premises, to provide the Receiver with proof of identification, or to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Receiver that such persons are not removing from the premises Documents or Assets of the Receivership Defendant; and/or (g) employ the assistance of law enforcement officers as the Receiver deems necessary to implement the provisions of this Order;

- 4. Conserve, hold, and manage all receivership Assets, and perform all acts necessary or advisable to preserve the value of those Assets, in order to prevent any irreparable loss, damage, or injury to consumers or to creditors of the Receivership Defendant, including, but not limited to, obtaining an accounting of the Assets and preventing transfer, withdrawal, or misapplication of Assets, and including the authority to liquidate or close out any open securities or commodity futures positions of the Receivership Defendant;
  - 5. Enter into contracts and purchase insurance as advisable or necessary;
- 6. Prevent the inequitable distribution of Assets and determine, adjust, and protect the interests of consumers and creditors who have transacted business with the Receivership Defendant;
- 7. Manage and administer the business of the Receivership Defendant until further order of this Court by performing all incidental acts that the Receiver deems to be

advisable or necessary, which includes retaining, hiring, or dismissing any employees, independent contractors, or agents;

- 8. Choose, engage, and employ attorneys, accountants, appraisers, and other independent contractors and technical specialists, as the Receiver deems advisable or necessary in the performance of duties and responsibilities under the authority granted by this Order; provided, however, American Tax Relief LLC, can continue to be represented by Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton LLP and Greenberg Traurig, LLP for purposes of this litigation, except that the Court shall determine the source of any attorneys' fees and expenses for that representation;
- 9. Make payments and disbursements from the receivership estate that are necessary or advisable for carrying out the directions of, or exercising the authority granted by, this Order. The Receiver shall apply to the Court for prior approval of any payment of any debt or obligation incurred by the Receivership Defendant prior to the date of entry of this Order, except payments that the Receiver deems necessary or advisable to secure Assets of the Receivership Defendant, such as rental payments;
- 10. Determine and implement the manner in which the Receivership
  Defendant will comply with, and prevent violations of, this Order and all other applicable laws;
- 11. Institute, compromise, adjust, appear in, intervene in, or become party to such actions or proceedings in state, federal or foreign courts that the Receiver deems necessary and advisable to preserve or recover the Assets of the Receivership Defendant or that the Receiver deems necessary and advisable to carry out the Receiver's mandate under this Order;

- 12. Defend, compromise, adjust, or otherwise dispose of any or all actions or proceedings instituted in the past or in the future against the Receiver in his role as Receiver, or against the Receivership Defendant that the Receiver deems necessary and advisable to preserve the Assets of the Receivership Defendant or that the Receiver deems necessary and advisable to carry out the Receiver's mandate under this Order;
- 13. Continue and conduct the business of the Receivership Defendant in such manner, to such extent, and for such duration as the Receiver may in good faith deem to be necessary or appropriate to operate the business profitably and lawfully, if at all; provided, however, that the continuation and conduct of the business shall be conditioned upon the Receiver's good faith determination that the business can be lawfully operated at a profit using the Assets of the receivership estate;
- 14. Issue subpoenas to obtain Documents and records pertaining to the receivership, and conduct discovery in this action on behalf of the receivership estate;
- 15. Open one or more bank accounts as designated depositories for funds of the Receivership Defendant. The Receiver shall deposit all funds of the Receivership Defendant in such a designated account and shall make all payments and disbursements from the receivership estate from such an account;
- 16. Maintain accurate records of all receipts and expenditures that he or she makes as Receiver;
- 17. Cooperate with reasonable requests for information or assistance from any state or federal law enforcement agency;
  - 18. File reports with the Court on a timely and reasonable basis; and

19. Post notice of the FTC's lawsuit on any website used by the Receivership Defendant for the advertising, marketing, promotion, offering for sale, or sale of tax relief services, including, but not limited to, the websites located at <a href="www.americantaxrelief.com">www.americantaxrelief.com</a>, <

The Federal Trade Commission ("FTC") has filed a lawsuit against American Tax Relief LLC alleging that it has engaged in deceptive practices relating to the advertising, marketing, promotion, offering for sale, or sale of tax relief services. The United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois has issued a preliminary injunction prohibiting the alleged practices. You may obtain additional information directly from the FTC at <a href="https://www.ftc.gov">www.ftc.gov</a>.

Each website carrying this message shall also provide a hypertext link to the FTC's home page at <a href="https://www.ftc.gov">www.ftc.gov</a>, or another home page designated by counsel for the Commission.

# C. COOPERATION WITH THE RECEIVER

# IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that:

1. Defendants and their officers, agents, servants, and employees, and all other Persons in active concert or participation with any of them, who receive actual notice of this Order by personal service or otherwise, whether acting directly or through any trust, corporation, subsidiary, division, or other device, or any of them, shall fully cooperate with and assist the Receiver. This cooperation and assistance shall include, but not be limited to:

- a. Providing any information to the Receiver that the Receiver deems necessary to exercising the authority and discharging the responsibilities of the Receiver under this Order;
- b. Providing any password required to access any computer, electronic file, or telephonic data in any medium; or
- c. Advising all Persons who owe money to the Receivership

  Defendant that all debts should be paid directly to the Receiver.

Provided, however, that nothing herein is meant to operate as a waiver or obligation to waive any Person's constitutional rights.

- 2. Defendants and their officers, agents, servants, employees, and attorneys, and all other Persons in active concert or participation with any of them, who receive actual notice of this Order by personal service or otherwise, whether acting directly or through any trust, corporation, subsidiary, division, or other device, or any of them, are hereby restrained and enjoined from directly or indirectly:
  - a. Transacting any of the business of the Receivership Defendant;
- b. Destroying, secreting, defacing, transferring, or otherwise altering or disposing of any Documents of the Receivership Defendant, including, but not limited to, books, records, accounts, writings, drawings, graphs, charts, photographs, audio and video recordings, computer records, and other data compilations, electronically-stored records, or any other records of any kind or nature;
- c. Transferring, receiving, altering, selling, encumbering, pledging, assigning, liquidating, or otherwise disposing of any Assets owned, controlled, or in the

possession or custody of, or in which an interest is held or claimed by, the Receivership Defendant, or the Receiver;

- d. Excusing debts owed to the Receivership Defendant;
- e. Failing to notify the Receiver of any Asset, including accounts, of the Receivership Defendant held in any name other than the name of the Receivership Defendant, or by any person or entity other than the Receivership Defendant, or failing to provide any assistance or information requested by the Receiver in connection with obtaining possession, custody, or control of such Assets;
- f. Doing any act or refraining from any act whatsoever to interfere with the Receiver's taking custody, control, possession, or managing of the Assets or Documents subject to this receivership; or to harass or interfere with the Receiver in any way; or to interfere in any manner with the exclusive jurisdiction of this Court over the Assets or Documents of the Receivership Defendant; or to refuse to cooperate with the Receiver or the Receiver's duly authorized agents in the exercise of their duties or authority under any Order of this Court; or
- g. Filing, or causing to be filed, any petition on behalf of the Receivership Defendant for relief under the United States Bankruptcy Code, 11 U.S.C. § 101 et seq., without prior permission from this Court.

#### D. DELIVERY OF RECEIVERSHIP PROPERTY

# IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that:

1. Immediately upon service of this Order upon them, or within such period as may be permitted by the Receiver, Defendants or any other person or entity shall transfer or deliver possession, custody, and control of the following to the Receiver:

- a. All Assets of the Receivership Defendant, including Assets subject to repatriation pursuant to Section VIII, *infra*;
- b. All Documents of the Receivership Defendant, including, but not limited to, books and records of accounts, all financial and accounting records, balance sheets, income statements, bank records (including monthly statements, canceled checks, records of wire transfers, and check registers), client lists, title documents and other papers;
- c. All Assets belonging to members of the public now held by the Receivership Defendant; and
- d. All keys, codes, and passwords necessary to gain or to secure access to any Assets or Documents of the Receivership Defendant, including, but not limited to, access to their business premises, means of communication, accounts, computer systems, mail boxes, or other property.
- 2. In the event any person or entity fails to deliver or transfer any receivership Asset or Document or otherwise fails to comply with any provision of this Section, the Receiver may file *ex parte* an Affidavit of Non-Compliance regarding the failure. Upon filing of the affidavit, the Court may authorize, without additional process or demand, Writs of Possession or Sequestration or other equitable writs requested by the Receiver. The writs shall authorize and direct the United States Marshal or any sheriff or deputy sheriff of any county, or any other federal or state law enforcement officer, to seize the Asset, Document, or other thing and to deliver it to the Receiver.

## E. TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO THE RECEIVER

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, upon service of a copy of this Order, all Financial Institutions, finance companies, commercial lending companies, credit card processing agents or agents providing electronic funds transfer services or automated clearing house processing, brokerage houses, escrow agents, money market or mutual funds, title companies, commodity futures merchants, commodity trading companies, precious metal dealers, trustees, or other Financial Institutions or depositories of any kind, shall cooperate with all reasonable requests of the Receiver relating to implementation of this Order, including transferring funds at his or her direction and producing records related to the Assets of the Receivership Defendant.

## F. STAY OF ACTIONS

## IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that:

- 1. Except by leave of this Court, during pendency of the receivership ordered herein, Defendants and all other persons and entities be and hereby are stayed from taking any action to establish or enforce any claim, right, or interest for, against, on behalf of, in, or in the name of, the Receivership Defendant, any of their subsidiaries, affiliates, partnerships, Assets, Documents, or the Receiver or the Receiver's duly authorized agents acting in their capacities as such, including, but not limited to, the following actions:
- a. Commencing, prosecuting, continuing, entering, or enforcing any suit or proceeding, except that such actions may be filed to toll any applicable statute of limitations;
- b. Accelerating the due date of any obligation or claimed obligation; filing, perfecting or enforcing any lien; taking or attempting to take possession, custody, or

control of any Asset; attempting to foreclose, forfeit, alter, or terminate any interest in any Asset, whether such acts are part of a judicial proceeding, are acts of self-help, or otherwise, or setoff of any debt owing to the Receivership Defendant that arose before the date of this Order against any claim against the Receivership Defendant;

- c. Executing, issuing, serving, or causing the execution, issuance or service of, any legal process, including, but not limited to, attachments, garnishments, subpoenas, writs of replevin, writs of execution, or any other form of process whether specified in this Order or not; or
- d. Doing any act or thing whatsoever to interfere with the Receiver taking custody, control, possession, or management of the Assets or Documents subject to this receivership, or to harass or interfere with the Receiver in any way, or to interfere in any manner with the exclusive jurisdiction of this Court over the Assets or Documents of the Receivership Defendant.
  - 2. This Order does not stay:
- a. The commencement or continuation of a criminal action or proceeding;
- b. The commencement or continuation of an action or proceeding by a governmental unit to enforce such governmental unit's police or regulatory power; or
- c. The enforcement of a judgment, other than a money judgment, obtained in an action or proceeding by a governmental unit to enforce such governmental unit's police or regulatory power.

3. Except as otherwise provided in this Order, all persons and entities in need of documentation from the Receiver shall in all instances first attempt to secure such information by submitting a formal written request to the Receiver, and, if such request has not been responded to within thirty (30) days of receipt by the Receiver, any such person or entity may thereafter seek an Order of this Court with regard to the relief requested.

# G. COMPENSATION OF RECEIVER

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Receiver and all personnel hired by the Receiver as herein authorized, including counsel to the Receiver and accountants, are entitled to reasonable compensation for the performance of duties pursuant to this Order and for the cost of actual out-of-pocket expenses incurred by them, from the Assets now held by, or in the possession or control of, or which may be received by the Receivership Defendant. The Receiver shall file with the Court and serve on the parties periodic requests for the payment of such reasonable compensation, with the first such request filed no more than sixty (60) days after the date of this Order. The Receiver shall not increase the hourly rates used as the bases for such fee applications without prior approval of the Court.

## H. RECEIVER'S BOND

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, if not already done, the Receiver shall file with the Clerk of this Court a bond in the sum of \$100,000 with sureties to be approved by the Court, conditioned that the Receiver will well and truly perform the duties of the office and abide by and perform all acts the Court directs.

# I. ACCESS TO BUSINESS PREMISES

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Receivership Defendant, and its officers, agents, servants, employees, and attorneys, and all other persons in active concert or participation with any of them, who receive actual notice of this Order by personal service or otherwise, whether acting directly or through any trust, corporation, subsidiary, division, or other device, or any of them, and the Receiver, shall allow the Commission's representatives, agents, and assistants, as well as the Receivership Defendant's representatives, and the Individual Defendants themselves, reasonable access to all of the Receivership Defendant's business premises, or any other premises where the Receivership Defendant conducts business or telephone sales or customer service operations. Such locations include, but are not limited to, 8383 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 900, Beverly Hills, California 90211-2408. The purpose of this access shall be to inspect and copy any and all books, records, Documents, accounts, and other property owned by, or in the possession of, the Receivership Defendant or its agents. The Receiver shall have the discretion to determine the time, manner, and reasonable conditions of such access. The Commission may remove materials from the Receivership Defendant's business premises to inspect, inventory, and copy such materials. The Commission shall return materials so removed within five (5) business days of completing said inventory and copying.

#### VIII.

# REPATRIATION OF ASSETS AND DOCUMENTS LOCATED IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendants and Relief Defendants shall:

- A. Unless previously completed in full compliance with the TRO entered in this case on September 24, 2010, within three (3) business days following service of this Order, take such steps as are necessary to repatriate to the territory of the United States of America all Documents and Assets that are located outside such territory and are held by or for Defendants or Relief Defendants or are under Defendants' or Relief Defendants' direct or indirect control, jointly, severally, or individually;
- B. Unless previously completed in full compliance with the TRO entered in this case on September 24, 2010, within three (3) business days following service of this Order, provide Plaintiff with a full accounting of all Documents and Assets that are located outside of the territory of the United States of America or that have been transferred to the territory of the United States of America pursuant to Subsection A above and are held by or for any Defendant or Relief Defendant or are under any Defendant's or Relief Defendant's direct or indirect control, jointly, severally, or individually, including the addresses and names of any foreign or domestic Financial Institution or other entity holding the Documents and Assets, along with the account numbers and balances;
- C. Hold and retain all such Documents and Assets and prevent any transfer, disposition, or dissipation whatsoever of any such Documents or Assets; and

D. Unless previously completed in full compliance with the TRO entered in this case on September 24, 2010, within three (3) business days following service of this Order, provide Plaintiff access to Defendants' and Relief Defendants' records and Documents held by Financial Institutions or other entities outside of the territory of the United States of America, by signing and delivering to Plaintiff's counsel the Consent to Release of Financial Records attached to the TRO.

#### IX.

### **INTERFERENCE WITH REPATRIATION**

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendants and Relief Defendants are hereby temporarily restrained and enjoined from taking any action, directly or indirectly, which may result in the encumbrance or dissipation of foreign Assets, or in the hindrance of the repatriation required by the preceding Section VIII of this Order, including, but not limited to:

- A. Sending any statement, letter, facsimile, email or wire transmission, or telephoning or engaging in any other act, directly or indirectly, that results in a determination by a foreign trustee or other entity that a "duress" event has occurred under the terms of a foreign trust agreement, until such time that Assets have been fully repatriated pursuant to the preceding Section of this Order; and
- B. Notifying any trustee, protector or other agent of any foreign trust or other related entities of either the existence of this Order, or of the fact that repatriation is required pursuant to a Court Order, until such time as Assets have been fully repatriated pursuant to the preceding Section of this Order.

#### X.

## **EXPEDITED DISCOVERY**

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that pursuant to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 30(a), 31(a), 34, and 45, and notwithstanding the provisions of Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 26(d) and (f), 30(a)(2)(A), and 31(a)(2)(A), the parties are granted leave, at any time after entry of this Order and after entry of this Court's ruling on the FTC's motion to reconsider that part of its preliminary injunction decision relating to the release of the funds held on behalf of ATR by Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton LLP, to:

- A. Take the deposition of any Person, whether or not a party, for the purpose of discovering the nature, location, status, and extent of the Assets of Defendants and Relief Defendants, and Defendants' affiliates and subsidiaries; the nature and location of Documents reflecting the business transactions of Defendants, and Defendants' affiliates and subsidiaries; the location of any premises where Defendants, directly or through any third party, conduct business operations; the Defendants' or Relief Defendants' whereabouts; and/or the applicability of any evidentiary privileges to this action; and
- B. Demand the production of Documents from any Person, whether or not a party, relating to the nature, status, and extent of the Assets of Defendants or Relief Defendants, and Defendants' affiliates and subsidiaries; the nature and location of Documents reflecting the business transactions of Defendants, and Defendants' affiliates and subsidiaries; the location of any premises where Defendants, directly or through any third party, conduct business operations; the Defendants' or Relief Defendants' whereabouts; and/or the applicability of any evidentiary privileges to this action.

Three (3) days notice shall be deemed sufficient for any such deposition, five (5) days notice shall be deemed sufficient for the production of any such Documents, and twenty-four (24) hours notice shall be deemed sufficient for the production of any such Documents that are maintained or stored only as electronic data. The provisions of this Section shall apply both to parties to this case and to non-parties. The limitations and conditions set forth in Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 30(a)(2)(A)(ii) and 31(a)(2)(A)(ii) regarding subsequent depositions of an individual shall not apply to depositions taken pursuant to this Section. Any such depositions taken pursuant to this Section shall not be counted toward any limit on the number of depositions under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure or the Local Rules of Civil Procedure for the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, including those set forth in Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 30(a)(2)(A) and 31(a)(2)(A). Service of discovery upon a party, taken pursuant to this Section, shall be sufficient if made through the means described in Section XII of this Order.

#### XI.

#### **DISTRIBUTION OF ORDER BY DEFENDANTS**

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendants shall immediately provide a copy of this Order to each of their corporations, subsidiaries, affiliates, divisions, directors, officers, agents, partners, successors, assigns, employees, attorneys, agents, representatives, sales entities, sales persons, telemarketers, independent contractors, and any other Persons in active concert or participation with them. Within five (5) calendar days following service of this Order by Plaintiff, each Defendant shall file with this Court and serve on Plaintiff, an affidavit identifying

the names, titles, addresses, and telephone numbers of the Persons that Defendants have served with a copy of this Order in compliance with this provision.

# XII.

#### **SERVICE OF THIS ORDER**

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that copies of this Order may be distributed by U.S. First Class Mail, overnight delivery, facsimile, electronic mail, or personally, by agents or employees of Plaintiff, by agents or employees of the Receiver, by any law enforcement agency, or by private process server, upon any Person, Financial Institution, or other entity that may have possession or control of any property, property right, Document, or Asset of any Defendant or Relief Defendant, or that may be subject to any provision of this Order. Service upon any branch or office of any Financial Institution or entity shall effect service upon the entire Financial Institution or entity.

## XIII.

## **CONSUMER REPORTING AGENCIES**

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, pursuant to Section 604 of the Fair Credit Reporting Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1681b, any consumer reporting agency may furnish a consumer or credit report concerning any Defendant or Relief Defendant to Plaintiff.

### XIV.

# **CORRESPONDENCE WITH AND NOTICE TO PLAINTIFF**

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that for purposes of this Order, all correspondence and pleadings to the Commission shall be addressed to:

> Karen D. Dodge Marissa J. Reich Federal Trade Commission 55 West Monroe Street, Suite 1825 Chicago, Illinois 60603 (312) 960-5634 (telephone) (312) 960-5600 (facsimile)

> > XV.

# **JURISDICTION**

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Court shall retain jurisdiction of this matter for all purposes.

SO ORDERED, this 9th day of November , 2010, at 3.15 pm.

Honorable Arlander Keys United States Magistrate Judge Northern District of Illinois