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BEFORE THE HEARING PANEL

In the Matter of:	)	
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MERIDIAN COMMODITY CORPORATION (NFA ID #288743),	)	
	)	
ROBERT E. PARKER, JR. (NFA ID #245544),	)	NFA Case No. 08-BCC-009
	)	
and	)	
	)	
GEORGE D. LEWIS (NFA ID #313990),	)	
	)	
Respondents.	)	

DECISION

Having reviewed all matters relevant to the Complaint issued by the Business Conduct Committee ("Committee") of National Futures Association ("NFA") against Meridian Commodity Corporation ("MCC"), Robert E. Parker, Jr. ("Parker") and George D. Lewis ("Lewis") (collectively the "Respondents") in the above-captioned matter, and having considered the Offers of Settlement ("Offers") submitted by the Respondents, and having accepted the Offers, the Panel of NFA's Hearing Committee designated to consider the matter ("Hearing Panel") issues this Decision as to the Respondents named herein and not as to any other respondents.

I

ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF NFA REQUIREMENTS

On April 10, 2008, the Committee issued a Complaint alleging that MCC allowed an unregistered individual to act in a capacity requiring registration as an associated person and that MCC and Parker willfully submitted materially false or

misleading information to NFA. The Complaint alleged further that Parker failed to uphold high standards of commercial honor and just and equitable principles of trade. In addition, the Complaint alleged that MCC and Lewis made deceptive and misleading sales solicitations and, finally, that MCC and Parker failed to diligently supervise their employees and agents in the conduct of their commodity futures activities.

II

RESPONSES

The Respondents have made the following Offers in settlement of the allegations made against them by the Committee.

MCC and Parker submitted their Offer in which they agreed that MCC shall withdraw from NFA membership and shall never again apply for NFA membership, associate membership or principal status with any NFA Member; and that Parker shall withdraw from Associate NFA membership and principal status with any and all NFA Members and that he shall not apply for NFA membership or principal status with any NFA Member at any time in the future. In addition, Parker agreed not to apply for Associate NFA membership for a period of five years and that, in the event that he attains Associate NFA membership at any time in the future, he shall pay a fine of $100,000.

Lewis submitted his Offer in which he agreed that his Associate NFA membership and his principal status with an NFA Member would be terminated and that he would never apply for NFA membership, Associate NFA membership or principal status with any NFA Member at any time in the future.

In making their Offers, the Respondents neither admitted nor denied the allegations made against them in the Complaint, but MCC and Parker consented to use of their Offers and the Decision accepting them in any action to enforce the terms of the Offers and as evidence in aggravation in any subsequent disciplinary or regulatory action against them.

III

PENALTIES

The Hearing Panel, having considered this matter and having accepted the Offers made by the Respondents, orders that:

Meridian Commodity Corporation

1. MCC shall be withdrawn from NFA membership on or before January 30, 2009 and shall never again apply for NFA membership, Associate NFA membership or principal status with any NFA Member.

Robert E. Parker, Jr.

1. Parker shall be withdrawn from Associate NFA membership and principal status with any and all NFA Members on or before January 30, 2009 and shall not apply for Associate NFA membership for a period of five years from the date of his withdrawal.

2. Parker shall not apply for NFA membership or principal status with any NFA Member at any time in the future.

3. In the event that Parker attains Associate NFA membership at any time in the future, he shall pay a fine of $100,000 to NFA, due and payable in full within thirty days of Parker attaining such status.

George D. Lewis

1. Lewis's Associate NFA membership shall terminate on the date of issuance of this Decision and Lewis shall not apply for NFA membership, Associate NFA membership or principal status with any NFA Member at any time in the future.

MCC and Parker's Offer and this Decision may be used in any action to enforce the terms of their Offer and may be considered as evidence in aggravation in any subsequent disciplinary or regulatory action.

IV

INELIGIBILITY

Pursuant to the provisions of Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC") Regulation 1.63, this Decision and the sanctions imposed herein render Parker and Lewis ineligible to serve on a disciplinary committee, arbitration panel, oversight panel or governing board of any self-regulatory organization, as that term is defined in CFTC Regulation 1.63, until the later of three years after the effective date of this Decision, or until they have satisfied all the sanctions and conditions imposed by this Decision.

NATIONAL FUTURES ASSOCIATION
HEARING PANEL

Dated: 12/16/08

By: Gloria Matthews-Harris
Gloria Matthews-Harris
Chairperson

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AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE

I, Nancy Miskovich-Paschen, on oath state that on December 16, 2008, I served copies of the attached Decision, by sending such copies in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, certified mail, return receipt requested, and by regular mail, in envelopes addressed as follows:

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