BEFORE THE
NATIONAL FUTURES ASSOCIATION

In the Matter of:	)	
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JUSTIN S. MAESE	)	NFA Case No. 10-REG-012
(NFA ID #416642),	)	
	)	
Respondent.	)	

NOTICE OF INTENT TO DENY REGISTRATION

National Futures Association (NFA) hereby notifies Justin S. Maese (Maese) that it intends to deny his application for registration as an associated person (AP) under the Commodity Exchange Act (Act), pursuant to NFA Registration Rule 504.

I

STATUTORY DISQUALIFICATION

On the basis of information received by NFA, NFA alleges and is prepared to prove that:

1. Maese provided information to NFA indicating that he currently resides at 2906 N. Baycliff Drive, McHenry, IL 60050.

2. On December 1, 2009, Highground Trading Group, Inc., a registered independent introducing broker, filed an application for Maese to become registered as an AP of the firm pursuant to Section 4k of the Act, 7 U.S.C. § 6k (2000).

3. On or about November 6, 1996, in the Municipal Court of the City of Amarillo, Texas, in Case No. 1996TRM056811, Maese was convicted of the misdemeanor offense of theft/shoplifting.

4. Maese failed to disclose that he was convicted of the misdemeanor offense of theft/shoplifting on his application for registration which he verified on December 17, 2009.

5. Maese's failure to disclose the information that he was convicted of a misdemeanor offense involving theft on his December 2009 registration application may disqualify him from registration under Section 8a(2)(G) of the Act, 7 U.S.C. § 12a(2)(G) (2000).

II

PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS

6. A written response to the Notice of Intent to deny, condition, suspend or revoke registration must be filed with NFA within 20 days of the date of service of the Notice of Intent. Failure to timely file a written response to the Notice of Intent shall be deemed a waiver of the right to submit such a response, and the facts stated in the Notice of Intent shall be deemed true for the purpose of finding that the applicant or registrant is disqualified under Section 8a(2), 8a(3) or 8a(4) of the Act. Based upon a finding that the Notice of Intent was properly served in accordance with NFA Registration Rule 502 and upon evidence of the statutory disqualification alleged in the Notice of Intent, NFA's Membership Committee or its designated Subcommittee shall enter a Final Order denying, conditioning, suspending or revoking the registration.

7. All applicants and registrants must include the disqualification fee required by Rule 203(a)(11) with their response. The written response to the Notice of Intent shall not be considered timely filed unless it is accompanied by the disqualification fee. The disqualification fee shall be refunded if the Membership Committee or Subcommittee finds that no statutory disqualification exists.

8. In the written response to the Notice of Intent –

   a. the applicant or registrant may challenge the accuracy of the allegations *establishing the statutory disqualification by submitting evidence as to:*

      1. identity;

      2. *existence of a clerical error in any record documenting the statutory* disqualification;

      3. nature or date of the statutory disqualification;

      4. post-conviction modification of any record of conviction; or

      5. favorable disposition of any appeal.

   The applicant or registrant must state the nature of each challenge in the response and submit an affidavit to support facts material to each challenge; and

   b. the applicant or registrant also shall state whether they intend to show that, notwithstanding the allegations contained in the Notice of Intent, their registration would pose no substantial risk to the public.

9. If, in the written response to the Notice of Intent, the applicant or registrant states that they intend to make the showing described in paragraph 8(b) above, they shall, at least 30 days before the date of the hearing, file with NFA's Legal Docketing Department a statement identifying and summarizing the testimony of each witness they intend to have testify and copies of all documents they intend to introduce in support of the showing.

10. At least 15 days before the date of the hearing, NFA's Vice-President of Compliance shall serve on the applicant or registrant a description of the disputed, material factual issues raised by the applicant's or registrant's filings, the identity and a summary of the testimony of each witness NFA intends to have testify in its case-in-chief and copies of all documents NFA intends to introduce at the hearing.

11. Within 30 days of the date the applicant or registrant files their response to the Notice of Intent, the Membership Committee or Subcommittee shall notify the parties of the time and place of an oral hearing. At such hearing, the parties shall be limited in their case-in-chief to the presentation of evidence contained in their filings except for good cause shown. Upon notice of the time and place of an oral hearing, a party may file with NFA a written election to participate in the hearing by telephone. Such an election shall be deemed a waiver of the party's right to a full oral hearing on material disputes of fact. The Membership Committee or Subcommittee shall order a telephone hearing only if all the parties elect such a proceeding.

12. In order to prevent injustice and on such conditions as may be appropriate, the Membership Committee or Subcommittee may set aside default orders. Motions to set aside default orders shall be made within a reasonable time after issuance of such an order, shall state the reasons for the failure to file which resulted in the default order and shall state the nature of the proposed defense.

13. All documents required to be filed with NFA must be addressed as follows:

National Futures Association
300 South Riverside Plaza
Suite 1800
Chicago, Illinois 60606
Attn: Legal Docketing Department

14. Most documents filed in registration cases are available to anyone upon request. However, NFA does not routinely provide copies of documents related to or submitted in support of offers of settlement or documents filed by the parties that identify their exhibits, list of witnesses and the summary of those witnesses' testimony. In addition, for registration cases filed beginning in October 2004, NFA posts the following registration case- related documents in electronic downloadable form on the Case Summary page in its BASIC System at www.nfa.futures.org/basicnet/:

Notice of Intent
Response to Notice of Intent
Withdrawal of Notice of Intent
Interim Order
Final Order
Notice of Appeal
Petition to Stay
CFTC Decision
Order Lifting Conditions

NATIONAL FUTURES ASSOCIATION

Dated: 06/29/2010

By: Daniel J. Roth
Daniel J. Roth, President

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AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE

I, Nancy Miskovich-Paschen, on oath state that on June 29, 2010, I served copies of the attached Notice of Intent to Deny Registration, by sending such copies by certified mail, return receipt requested and by regular mail, first-class delivery, in envelopes addressed as follows:

Justin S. Maese
2906 N. Baycliff Drive
McHenry, IL 60050

Highground Trading Group, Inc.
209 W. Jackson Blvd.
Suite 600
Chicago, IL 60606
Attn: Michael Burke, CEO

Nancy Miskovich-Paschen

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Subscribed and sworn to before me
on this 29th day of June 2010.

Christine Makino

Notary Public

OFFICIAL SEAL
CHRISTINE MAKINO
NOTARY PUBLIC - STATE OF ILLINOIS
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES OCTOBER 03, 2012