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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF IDAHO

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION,

CV09-075-S-EJL

PLAINTIFF,

V.

DAREN L. PALMER and TRIGON GROUP, INC., a Nevada Corporation,

DEFENDANTS.

ORDER APPOINTING
A RECEIVER AND
STAYING
LITIGATION

WHEREAS this matter came before the Court upon motion of the Plaintiff Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") to appoint a receiver for the purpose of marshaling and preserving assets in the above-captioned action and to stay all current and future litigation; and

WHEREAS the Court has entered an Order freezing the assets of Daren L. Palmer and Trigon Group, Inc. (collectively, the "Defendants"); and

WHEREAS the assets that have been frozen are in danger of having their value reduced by the passage of time, and it is appropriate that the assets be marshaled and an accounting provided to the Court; and

WHEREAS a stay of litigation is necessary in order to preserve the status quo of the Receivership Estate for the benefit of the majority of defrauded investors; and

WHEREAS, this Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action and Defendants, and venue properly lies in this district.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Ex Parte Motion to Appoint Receiver and to Stay Litigation (Dkt. No. 4) is GRANTED.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that, pending the determination of the Commission's action on the merits, or such other time as the Court may order, R. Wayne

Klein of Lewis B. Freeman & Partners, Inc. be appointed Receiver ("the Receiver") of the Defendant Trigon Group, Inc., together with any and all subsidiaries and affiliated entities, including but not limited to Palmer Trading & Investments, LLC, Blackrock Limited, LLC, Pinnacle Company LLC, and Canterbury Court Properties, LLC (collectively, the "Companies"). The Receiver shall take control of the Companies' funds, assets and property wherever situated, with the powers set forth herein, including powers over all funds, assets, premises (whether owned, leased, occupied, or otherwise controlled), chooses in action, books, records, and other property belonging to or in the possession of or control of the Companies, and the Receiver is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed:

- a. to have access to, to marshal and take control of all funds, assets, premises (whether owned, leased, occupied or otherwise controlled), chooses in action, papers, books, records in whatever media, and other property, wherever located, belonging to, in the custody, control or possession of the Companies, with full power to take such steps as he deems necessary to secure such premises, funds and property;
- b. to have control of, and to close, transfer or otherwise take possession of all accounts, securities, funds, or other assets of, or in the name of the Companies at any bank, brokerage firm or financial institution which has possession, custody or control of any assets or funds of the Companies, or of any assets deposited by customers or clients with the Companies, or into an account in the name of the Companies, or held in trust or deposited with the Companies or its agents or trustees, wherever situated;
- c. to take such action as is necessary and appropriate to preserve and take control of, and to prevent the dissipation, concealment, or disposition of any assets in the possession, custody, name, or control of the Companies;
- d. to hold in his possession, custody and control all assets, securities, monies and property, together with all profits, dividends, interest or other income attributable

thereto, of whatever kind deposited by the Companies, with the Companies, or into an account in the name of the Companies, pending further order of this Court;

- e. to make or authorize such payments and disbursements from the funds and assets under his control pursuant to this Order, and to incur, or authorize the incurrence of, such expenses and make, or authorize the making of, such agreements as may be reasonable, necessary and advisable in discharging his duties as Receiver;
- f. to engage and employ persons in his discretion to assist him in carrying out his duties and responsibilities hereunder, including, but not limited to, accountants, attorneys, securities traders, registered representatives, financial or business advisers, liquidating agents, real estate agents, forensic experts, brokers, traders or auctioneers.
- g. to take possession, have access to, and to review all mail or any other communication, in any form, of the Companies or of its agents, officers and directors;
- h. to take any action which he deems to be necessary and appropriate in order to cause the Companies to file a bankruptcy petition under any chapter of Title 11 of the United States Code, including the execution of all necessary corporate resolutions or directions. The Defendants or any other person affiliated with the Companies or purporting to act on behalf of the Companies may not file a bankruptcy petition under any chapter of Title 11 of the United States Code on behalf of the Companies or under any analogous law of any other jurisdiction. In the event that a Bankruptcy petition is filed on behalf of the Companies, the bankruptcy reference shall be withdrawn with regard to payment of fees and expenses of the Receiver, his attorneys, accountants, consultants and any other person or entity hired to assist the Receiver in the execution of his duties pursuant to this Order, and this Court shall retain jurisdiction over the payment of such fees and expenses;
- to make demand, file or otherwise handle any claim under any insurance policy held by or issued on behalf of the Companies, its officers, directors, agents,

employees, trustees or other persons affiliated with the Companies and to take any and all appropriate steps in connection with such policies.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that, in connection with the appointment of the Receiver provided for above:

- a. The Companies and all officers, agents, servants, employees, attorneys-infact, shareholders, consultants, accountants, advisers, counsel and other persons, and
 Defendants in this action, who are in custody, possession, or control of any customer or
 client information, assets, books, records, or other property belonging to or in the custody
 or control of the Companies shall forthwith give access to and control of such property to
 the Receiver, and shall forthwith grant to the Receiver, or such other person whom the
 Receiver may designate, authorization to be the signatory as to all accounts at banks,
 brokerage firms or financial institutions which have possession, custody or control of any
 assets or funds in the name of or for the benefit of the Companies.
- b. The Receiver is authorized, empowered, and directed without further leave of the Court, to liquidate and convert into money all of the assets, property, estate, effects and interests of every nature held in his possession and control pursuant to this Order, by selling, conveying, and disposing of the property, either at public or private sale, on terms and in the manner the Receiver deems most beneficial to the persons or parties entitled to the proceeds, and with due regard to the realization of their true and proper value and to deposit such proceeds into an account, pending further order of the Court.
- c. The Receiver is authorized to invest any and all money or proceeds in his possession and control in United States Treasury instruments or in a money market account that invests solely in United States Treasury instruments.
- d. All banks, brokerage firms, financial institutions, and other business entities which have possession, custody or control of any assets, funds or accounts in the

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name of or for the benefit of the Companies shall cooperate expeditiously in the transfer of funds, other assets and accounts to the Receiver or at the direction of the Receiver.

- e. All banks, brokers, dealers, depositories or any other financial institutions shall not liquidate, transfer, sell, convey or otherwise transfer any assets, securities, funds, or accounts in the name of or for the benefit of the Companies except upon instructions from the Receiver or his designees.
- f. The Receiver shall have the authority to issue subpoenas for documents and testimony consistent with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.
- g. Defendants and their respective officers, agents, servants, employees, and attorneys-in-fact, consultants, accountants, advisers and counsel shall cooperate with and assist the Receiver, including, if deemed necessary by the Receiver, by appearing for deposition testimony and producing documents, and shall take no action, directly or indirectly, to hinder, obstruct, or otherwise interfere with the Receiver in the conduct of his duties or to interfere in any manner, directly or indirectly, with the custody, possession, management, or control by the Receiver of the funds, assets, premises, and chooses in action described above.
- h. The costs, fees and expenses of the Receiver incurred in connection with the performance of his duties described herein, including the costs and expenses of those persons who may be engaged or employed by the Receiver to assist him in carrying out his duties and obligations hereunder shall be paid out of the proceeds or other assets of the Companies, or any and all assets under the control of the Receiver pursuant to this Order. All applications for costs, fees and expenses for services rendered in connection with the Receiver shall be made by application setting forth in reasonable detail the nature of the services and shall be heard by the Court. The court-appointed receiver shall submit his fee application to counsel for the Commission for review at least ten (10) days prior to filing the application with this Court.

I. No bond shall be required in connection with the appointment of the Receiver. The Receiver and all other persons who may be engaged or employed by the Receiver to assist him in carrying out his duties and obligations hereunder shall not be liable for any act or omission of the Receiver or such person, respectively, or any of their partners, employees, or agents, unless it shall be proven that the Receiver or such other person acted or omitted to act willfully and in bad faith. This provision shall apply to claims based on conduct of the Receiver and all other persons who may be engaged or employed by the Receiver hereunder during the term of the appointment by this Court, even if such claims are filed after the termination of any such appointment.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that, pending the determination of the Commission's action on the merits, representatives of the Receiver are authorized to have continuing access to inspect or copy any or all of the corporate books and records and other documents of the Companies, including records relating to any accounts maintained by or in the name of the Companies at a broker, dealer, financial institution, depository institution or any other entity, or of accounts maintained on behalf of the Companies' customers or clients that have transferred, transmitted or otherwise delivered any securities, monies, or property of any kind, to the Companies, and continuing access to inspect the Companies funds, property and assets, including customer or client accounts, wherever they may be located.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that, in addition to the powers, duties and responsibilities as set forth herein, the Receiver shall be authorized, empowered and directed to investigate, prosecute, defend, intervene in or otherwise participate in, compromise, and adjust actions in any state, federal or foreign court or proceeding of any kind as may in his sole discretion be advisable or proper to recover or conserve funds, assets and property of the Companies.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that the Companies and its officers, directors, employees, agents and counsel shall transfer to the Receiver, as and when

directed by him, any and all funds, property, documents or records of the Companies, in whatever form, that may be in their possession, custody or control; and that any signatories on any and all the Companies' accounts at banks, brokerage firms or financial institutions which have possession, custody or control of any assets or funds in the name of or for the benefit of the Companies, shall forthwith take all steps necessary to relinquish their signatory authority as to said accounts including, but not limited to, accounts containing securities or other assets that the Companies' customers have transferred, transmitted or otherwise delivered to the Companies.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that a Stay of Litigation is GRANTED. The following acts are stayed pending further order of this Court:

- (i) the commencement or continuation, including the issuance or employment of process, of any judicial, administrative, or other action or proceeding, other than actions of the Commission or the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC") related to the above-captioned enforcement action, against Daren L. Palmer and/or Trigon Group, Inc. (collectively, the "Defendants") or against any asset of Defendants, including but not limited to any asset of;
- (ii) the enforcement against the Defendants or related and/or affiliated entities or against property now held in the name of or by the Defendants or any related and/or affiliated entities, of any judgment obtained before the filing of the Complaint in this action;
- (iii) any act to obtain possession of property held by the Defendants or any related and/or affiliated entities or to exercise control over property held by the Defendants or any related and/or affiliated entities;
- (iv) any act to create, perfect or enforce any lien against property held by the
 Defendants or any related and/or affiliated entities;

- (v) any act to collect, assess or recover any claims related to the Defendants or any related and/or affiliated entities, or against property held by the Defendants or any related and/or affiliated entities; and,
- (vi) the exercise of any rights of setoff or recoupment.

The Notice of Stay attached to the Commission's Ex Parte Motion for Appointment of Receiver and Stay of Litigation at Exhibit 2 is APPROVED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this order shall be served on the Defendants by personal service consistent with Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 4(e). All subsequent pleadings, correspondence, notices required by this Order, and other materials shall be served consistent with Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 4.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order shall remain in effect until further Order of this Court. The Court shall retain jurisdiction of this matter for all purposes.

DATED: February 26, 2009

Honorable Edward J. Lodge

U.S. District Judge