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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF IDAHO

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION,

PLAINTIFF,

v.

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

DEFENDANTS.

Civil No. 09-075-S-EJL

Judge Edward J. Lodge
Magistrate Larry M. Boyle

**PLAINTIFF'S MOTION
FOR SUMMARY
JUDGMENT AGAINST
DAREN L. PALMER**

Plaintiff, Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission"), by and through its counsel of record, respectfully submits this Motion for Summary Judgment against Daren L. Palmer ("Palmer"). The Commission seeks to have Palmer enjoined

from all future violations of the federal securities laws, disgorgement of Palmer's ill-gotten gains together with pre-judgment interest thereon and payment of a third-tier civil monetary penalty.

As more fully set forth in the Commission's accompanying Memorandum in Support of Motion for Summary Judgment against Palmer, Palmer perpetrated a massive Ponzi scheme by fraudulently offering promissory notes and unregistered investment contracts to investors through his company, Trigon Group, Inc. ("Trigon"). Promising large annual returns of 20 percent or more and guaranteed safety, Palmer raised more than \$60 million from approximately 55 investors in at least three states. Palmer and Trigon told investors that their money would be invested in S&P 500 options, futures, foreign currency futures and stocks. Records show, however, that Palmer placed only a fraction of investor funds in trading accounts. Instead, he used new investor monies to make promised "interest" payments to investors and to pay for his extravagant lifestyle.

Palmer and Trigon made a variety of misrepresentations to investors. For example, Palmer represented to investors that he had been generating annual returns of 20-25 percent for more than twelve years. Significantly, Palmer told investors that he was capable of generating profits despite the nature of the market through his risk free trading strategies. In fact, Palmer did not have a successful trading strategy which generated annual profits in excess of 20 percent. Palmer prepared and disseminated quarterly statements that represented falsely-earned profits from his purported trading activity. Rather, Palmer used newly-invested money to pay the quarterly returns to pre-existing investors; however, he did not disclose to investors that their returns were the

monies of new investors. Palmer also represented to investors that he was a licensed securities professional. Significantly, Palmer has never held any securities licenses.

Based on the foregoing, the Commission requests that this Court grant the Commission's Motion for Summary Judgment against Palmer.

Respectfully submitted this 26th day August 2009.

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