IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION,

C. A. No. 2:19-cv-17213 (MCA)

Plaintiff,

Defendants.

BRENDA SMITH, BROAD REACH CAPITAL, LP, BROAD REACH PARTNERS, LLC, and BRISTOL ADVISORS, LLC,

v.

<u>RECEIVER KEVIN DOOLEY KENT'S TWELFTH QUARTERLY</u> <u>STATUS REPORT</u>

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The Receiver, Kent Dooley Kent, has been appointed by Order of this Court dated June 29, 2020 ("Receivership Order"), to assume control of, marshal, pursue and preserve the Receivership Assets. (ECF No. 22). The Receiver hereby submits this Twelfth Quarterly Status Report (the "Report"), in accordance with Paragraphs 67 and 68 of the Receivership Order, and reports as follows:

I. INTRODUCTION

This action involves an investment advisory fraud in connection with which Defendants, Brenda A. Smith ("Brenda Smith" or "Smith"), Broad Reach Capital, LP, Broad Reach Partners, LLC and Bristol Advisors, LLC, are alleged to have raised in excess of \$100 million from at least forty (40) investors, based upon false representations regarding trading strategies to be implemented when, in reality, the vast majority of these investments were funneled into unrelated companies, used to pay back other investors, or utilized for personal use. (ECF No. 1). It is estimated that investors are still owed approximately \$60 million in principal. Brenda Smith pled guilty to committing securities fraud in connection with Broad Reach Capital on September 9, 2021, in *USA v. Smith*, No. 2:20-cr-00475-MCA (D.N.J.). Smith was sentenced to 109 months in prison on May 4, 2022.

On June 29, 2020, this Court appointed Mr. Kent as Receiver to assume control of, marshal, pursue and preserve assets of Defendant, Brenda Smith, and Receivership Parties Broad Reach Capital, LP, Broad Reach Partners, LLC, Bristol Advisors, LLC, BA Smith & Associates LLC, Bristol Advisors LP, CV Brokerage, Inc., Clearview Distribution Services LLC, CV International Investments Limited, CV International Investments PLC, CV Investments LLC, CV Lending LLC, CV Minerals LLC, BD of Louisiana, LLC, TA1, LLC, FFCC Ventures LLC, Prico Market LLC, GovAdv Funding LLC, Elm Street Investments, LLC (ECF No. 96), Investment Consulting LLC, and Tempo Resources LLC (hereinafter "Receivership Assets" or "Receivership Estate"). Receivership Order, Whereas ¶ 3; ¶¶ 1–3, 5 (ECF No. 22).

This status report focuses on developments during the twelfth quarter of the Receivership. The Receiver incorporates by reference his prior status reports with respect to events that took place in prior quarters. This Report provides a full report and accounting of the Receivership Estate for the twelfth quarter, reflecting the existence, value and location of currently known Receivership Assets, and the extent and nature of known liabilities.

II. SUMMARY OF THE OPERATIONS OF THE RECEIVER

On June 29, 2020, the Receiver was appointed to assume control of, marshal, pursue and preserve Receivership Assets. The total balance in the Receivership Accounts as of the close of the twelfth quarter was \$7,705,907.28. The Receiver and his Counsel continue to focus their efforts on preserving, locating and maximizing Receivership Assets, pursuing claims informally and through

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litigation, and evaluating, negotiating and managing claims asserted against the Receivership Estate. The Receiver's Accountants continue to provide forensic support as needed in connection with the pursuit of affirmative claims, assist with quantifying and evaluating claims asserted against the Estate, manage the document repository, perform tax-related services for the Receivership, and support the Receiver in his negotiations with the IRS.

The operations of the Receiver for the Twelfth Quarter are outlined in further detail below.

A. Litigation-Related Activities

i. Motion Practice

On January 16, 2023, the Receiver filed his Fourth Motion for Permission to Initiate Litigation on Behalf of the Receivership Estate. (ECF No. 220). The Court granted the Motion on April 27, 2023. (ECF No. 242).

The Receiver filed his First Omnibus Motion for Order Resolving Disputed Non-Investor Creditor Claims ("First Omnibus Claims Motion") on March 14, 2023. (ECF No. 232). On March 28, 2023, the Receiver submitted a proposed briefing schedule for the First Omnibus Claims Motion. (ECF No. 234). In response to this request, the Court set a briefing schedule and administratively terminated the First Omnibus Claims Motion without prejudice on March 29, 2023. (ECF No. 235). Pursuant to the Court's adjusted briefing schedule, the Receiver re-filed the First Omnibus Claims Motion, with new notice of motion and amended proposed order, on July 13, 2023. (ECF No. 254). The Receiver thereafter filed the responses of Galvin Investment Company, LLC (ECF No. 255), Industrial and Commercial Bank of China Financial Services LLC (ECF No. 256), and Alpha Capital Trading Group, LLC (ECF No. 257). Finally, the Receiver filed his Omnibus Reply in Support of the First Omnibus Claims Motion, which had been served upon all interested parties on July 10, 2023. (ECF No. 258). The First Omnibus Claims Motion has not yet been ruled upon.

ii. Lawsuits Filed on Behalf of the Receivership Estate

The Receiver's twelve (12) lawsuits and their current status are as follows:

- *Kevin D. Kent, in his capacity as Receiver v. Emperor Global Enterprises LLP, et al.*, No. 2:21-cv-13099 (D.N.J.): Defendants' Motion to Dismiss Complaint for lack of jurisdiction as to all defendants (except Emperor Global Enterprises LLP) (ECF No. 72) was fully briefed (*See* ECF Nos. 73, 74), and oral argument took place on July 24, 2023. On July 25, 2023, the Court entered an Order denying the Motion to Dismiss. (ECF No. 100). Additionally, the parties are proceeding with written discovery and have brought numerous discovery disputes to the Court's attention for resolution. On April 3, 2023, the Court entered a Letter Order directing the Entity Defendants to produce unredacted financial documents to the Receiver from January 2017 through the present. (ECF No. 94).
- *Kevin D. Kent, in his capacity as Receiver v. Medical Consultants Instructional Training Center, et al.*, No. 2:21-cv-13104 (D.N.J.): This case was closed following the Court's approval of the settlement on August 4, 2022. (ECF No. 28). However, the defendants have not satisfied all of their payment obligations under the Settlement

Agreement, and two of the defendants have filed for bankruptcy protection. The Receiver submitted a claim on behalf of the Receivership Estate in the bankruptcy action filed by Medical Construction Industrial Training Center, LLC in the District of New Jersey on June 28, 2023.

- *Kevin D. Kent, in his capacity as Receiver v. Richard C. Galvin, et al.*, No. 2:21-cv-13105 (D.N.J.): Counsel for the corporate defendants re-entered their appearance on May 23, 2023. Accordingly, following a status conference held on June 27, 2023, the Court entered an order directing the clerk to vacate the default entered against them on June 27, 2023. (ECF No. 54). The parties are proceeding with discovery.
- *Kevin Dooley Kent, in his capacity as Receiver v. Agostinho Calcada*, No. 2:21-cv-18396 (D.N.J.): Discovery is closed. The Receiver filed his Motion for Summary Judgment on April 27, 2023 (ECF No. 34), which was administratively terminated without prejudice and will be re-filed pursuant to an adjusted briefing schedule. Defendant submitted his response on July 6, 2023. The deadline for the Receiver's reply brief is August 7, 2023.
- *Kevin Dooley Kent, in his capacity as Receiver v. Renato Iregui, et al.*, No. 2:21-cv-20691 (D.N.J.): On April 10, 2023, the Receiver filed a letter with the court regarding a discovery dispute involving Kelly Ulmer's delinquent responses to the Receiver's second set of discovery requests. (ECF No. 41). A status conference was held on April 13, 2023. Ms. Ulmer was directed to appear for a second deposition, which took place on June 2, 2023. Fact discovery is now closed.
- *Kevin Dooley Kent, in his capacity as Receiver v. Richard Shawn Ellis, et al.*, No. 2:21-cv-20754 (D.N.J.): On January 4, 2023, the Court entered an Order denying Defendants' Motion to Transfer Venue. (ECF No. 43). A status conference was held on January 13, 2023, and a settlement conference took place on February 21, 2023. Following the settlement conference, the Court entered an order referring the case to mediation and administratively terminating the case pending completion of mediation. The parties elected to proceed with informal settlement discussions before scheduling the mediation.

The Court held a status conference on May 23, 2023. (ECF No. 58). Settlement discussions are ongoing.

- *Kevin Dooley Kent, in his capacity as Receiver v. Jordan Denise, et al.*, No. 2:22-cv-00388 (D.N.J.): On January 17, 2023, the Receiver filed a Motion to Compel and for Sanctions (ECF No. 26) requesting, *inter alia*, that Ms. Denise's Answer to the Complaint be stricken and a default entered against her due to her failure to participate in discovery. After that, counsel entered an appearance for Jordan Denise and provided Ms. Denise's overdue discovery responses. The Motion to Compel was administratively terminated following a status conference held on April 18, 2023. The parties are proceeding with discovery.
- Surefire Dividend Capture, LP and Kevin Dooley Kent, Esq., as Receiver v. The Nottingham Company, et al., No. 19-CV-04088-BMS (E.D. Pa.): The parties are conducting discovery.
- *Kevin Dooley Kent, in his capacity as Receiver v. Ronald Hightower, et al.*, No. 2:22-cv-01195 (D.N.J.): The Receiver's Motion to Dismiss Defendants' Counterclaims (ECF No. 31) was fully briefed (ECF Nos. 38, 39), and oral argument took place on July 24, 2023. On July 25, 2023, the Court entered an order staying the Counterclaims until the termination of the Receivership and the lifting of the Stay imposed by the Receivership Order. (ECF No. 48). Additionally, the parties are proceeding with discovery.
- *Kevin Dooley Kent, in his capacity as Receiver v. Jeffrey Bydalek, et al.*, No 2:22-cv-01811 (D.N.J.): This case was dismissed on January 30, 2013 (ECF No. 39), following the Court's approval of the settlement on January 20, 2023. (ECF No. 35).
- *Kevin Dooley Kent, in his capacity as Receiver v. Larry Hooper, et al.*, No 2:22-cv-01876 (D.N.J.): This case was closed following the Court's approval of the settlement on August 29, 2022. (ECF No. 15).
- *Kevin Dooley Kent, in his capacity as Receiver v. Edward C. Britton, et al.*, No. 2:22-cv-02845 (D.N.J.): The Receiver's Motion for Default Judgment against Defendants (ECF No. 6) remains pending.

B. Storage & Sale of Belongings and Data

Stephenson's Auction sold three (3) of Brenda Smith's rugs during this quarter, resulting in net proceeds of \$1,980.00 for the Receivership Estate. In total, the Receiver has recovered \$14,188.20 in net proceeds from the sale of personal property through eighteen (18) auctions over the course of the Receivership, after payment of commissions and related expenses.¹

The Receiver continues to hold professional equipment and the original books and records of the Receivership Parties. Brenda Smith arranged for the pickup of personal, sentimental items without significant resale value on April 6, 2023.

C. Louisiana Property

Despite aggressive marketing efforts and numerous price reductions, including a reduction to \$495,000.00 on August 25, 2022, the Receiver was unable to secure a private buyer for the Louisiana property owned by BD of Louisiana, LLC ("the Property") at a price which would satisfy the requirements of 28 U.S.C. § 2001(b) and cover the balance of the mortgage held by b1BANK. Accordingly, on June 30, 2023, the Receiver entered into a Creditor Agreement with b1BANK, authorizing it to initiate mortgage foreclosure proceedings against BD of Louisiana, LLC in Louisiana, subject to this Court's approval. The Receiver filed a

¹Gross sale proceeds to date total \$19,516.50, which are offset by commissions and other related expenses totaling \$5,328.30 to date.

Motion to Permit b1BANK to Initiate Mortgage Foreclosure Proceedings and Proceed with the Public Sale of Real Property Owned by BD of Louisiana, LLC on July 18, 2023 (ECF No. 259).

As set forth in that motion, a limited lifting of the stay to enable b1BANK to initiate foreclosure proceedings is in the best interest of the Receivership Estate because (a) the Receiver has already exhausted his efforts to privately sell the Property pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2001(b), without success; (b) if the Receiver has to proceed with a public sale pursuant to Section 2001(a), the Receivership Estate will be forced to incur additional upfront costs and run the risk of selling the Property for less than the mortgage balance; (c) the Property holds no beneficial purpose for the Receivership Estate and is only costing the Estate money in the form of administrative costs while interest on the mortgage continues to increase; (d) the proposed sale through the foreclosure process includes the potential that the Receivership Estate will make a recovery from the public sale; and (e) the arrangement will eliminate the risk that the Receivership Estate could owe any deficiency to b1BANK if the Property ultimately sells for less than the mortgage balance.

The Motion was granted on July 19, 2023. (ECF No. 260).

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D. Private Investments and Ownership Interests

The Receiver continues to attempt to resolve and/or liquidate Smith's interest in Bluwater Holdings Corp. through her entity Rocmen Holdings, LLC, as well as a potential interest in a gold mine as a result of payments made to Calais Management Corporation. If these interests cannot be liquidated or bought out to the Receiver's satisfaction, the Receiver may seek to initiate litigation against the entities involved in order to protect the interests of the Receivership Estate.

The Receiver received an additional \$10,450.00 distribution from OTAF (Holgate) LLC on May 1, 2023, bringing total distributions on Smith's \$100,000.00 investment to \$163,627.52 through the close of the twelfth quarter. After the close of the quarter, the Receiver received an additional \$4,000.00 distribution on July 17, 2023.

E. Investigation of Overseas Bank Accounts

Aside from Cidel Bank & Trust Inc. ("Cidel Bank"), the overseas banks to which the Receiver sent Brenda Smith's signed consent directive have failed to respond to the Receiver's communications and document requests. After the close of the twelfth quarter, Cidel Bank agreed to return the funds held in that overseas account to the Receiver.

F. Investigation, Development, Pursuit and Settlement of Claims

The Receiver has filed a total of twelve (12) lawsuits on behalf of the Receivership Estate so far, and has issued demands and/or continues to negotiate with several others. The Receiver anticipates filing additional lawsuits in the near future if those additional claims cannot be resolved.

In total, ten (10) pre-litigation settlements and three (3) litigation settlements have been reached as of June 30, 2023, valued at over \$3.1 million.

G. Financial Account Reconstruction and Accounting Support

The Receiver's Accountants at Alvarez and Marsal continue to support the Receiver's efforts. The Accountants' financial account reconstruction allowed them to make determinations regarding investor capital account activity, and they prepared supporting documentation distributed to investors in connection with the claims process. They continue to support the Receiver in evaluating and quantifying disputed investor and creditor claims.

The Accountants have continued to support the Receivers' demands issued to, and negotiations with, third-party recipients of investor funds, and their work has allowed the Receiver to initiate and pursue litigation against various individuals and entities on behalf of the Receivership Estate. The Accountants are available to the Receiver to provide assistance with specific issues that may arise in

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connection with certain claims and/or lawsuits the Receiver is pursuing, and to provide necessary litigation and/or expert support.

H. Receivership Taxes

The Receiver is in the process of negotiating with the Internal Revenue Service regarding the \$1.3 million claim it has asserted against the Receivership Estate. Meanwhile, Alvarez and Marsal continues to provide tax-related services to the Receivership Estate, and will be preparing a plan for the ultimate dissolution of most, if not all, of the Receivership Parties

III. CASH ON HAND, ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES, AND UNENCUMBERED FUNDS

As of June 30, 2023, total cash on hand was \$7,705,907.28. The Receiver brought in \$10,450.00 in distributions from OTAF (Holgate) LLC, \$2,475.00 in gross (\$1,980.00 net) auction proceeds,² and \$52,950.08 in interest earnings on the WSFS savings account during the twelfth quarter.

On July 17, 2023, i.e. after the close of twelfth quarter, the Receiver received another distribution from OTAF (Holgate) LLC for \$4,000.00. Additionally, Cidel Bank returned \$12,887.22 in Receivership Assets held by CV International Investments Limited in an overseas account on July 21, 2023.

² The Receiver's Standardized Fund Account Reports report proceeds from the auction of personal property on a gross basis. Gross sale proceeds for this quarter total \$2,475.00, which are offset by a \$495.00 commission, which is reflected as an administrative expense in the SFAR.

The Receiver anticipates that his ongoing pursuit of claims and litigation will result in financial benefit for the Receivership Estate through settlements or judgments. Additionally, \$444,213.08 remains held in two Industrial and Commercial Bank of China Financial Services ("ICBC") clearing accounts for CV Brokerage.³

Administrative expenses paid during this quarter total \$196,523.10 and include (a) \$2.36 in Bank of America account analysis fees, (b) \$360.80 in WSFS bank fees, (c) \$83,534.20 in professional fees and expense reimbursement to the Receiver, his Counsel and Accountant pursuant to this Court's April 27, 2023 Order approving the Receiver's Ninth Interim Fee Application (ECF No. 243), (d) \$111,630.74 in professional fees and expense reimbursement to the Receiver, his Counsel and Accountant pursuant to this Court's June 15, 2023 Order approving the Receiver's Tenth Interim Fee Application (ECF No. 250), (e) \$495.00 in commissions to Stephenson's Auction, deducted from the gross sale proceeds paid to the Receiver, and (f) \$500.00 to M. Burr Keim in connection with registered agent services for certain Delaware-based Receivership Parties.

³ These funds are being held pursuant to the Stipulation to Resolve ICBCFS' Motion to Amend the Amended Order Appointing Receiver (ECF No. 30) and are the subject of a disputed creditor claim asserted by ICBCFS, which is addressed in the First Omnibus Claims Motion described herein.

IV. RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Pursuant to Paragraph 68 of the Receivership Order, the schedule of the Receiver's receipts and disbursements, in the form of the Standardized Fund Accounting Report ("SFAR") as prescribed by the SEC, is attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

V. RECEIVERSHIP ASSETS

A. Receivership Bank Accounts

As of the close of twelfth quarter on June 30, 2023, the balance in the Receivership Accounts was \$7,705,907.28, broken down as follows: \$7,291,608.88 in the WSFS Trust/Savings Account, \$187,384.96 in WSFS Checking Account, and \$226,913.44 in the Bank of America Account.

B. Settlements

The Receiver is actively negotiating potential settlements with several other individuals and/or entities. Many of these potential claims are subject to tolling agreements. Additional funds are owed pursuant to settlement agreements with Jeffrey Bydalek and MCITC/Carol Johnston, which featured extended payout schedules. The next Bydalek payment is due in December 2023. MCITC and Carol Johnston have already breached their settlement agreement with the Receiver, but recently filed for bankruptcy. Accordingly, the Receiver's claims to those funds will have to be resolved through the bankruptcy proceedings.

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C. Cryptocurrency

The Receiver has learned that at least some cryptocurrency was distributed to an investor, purportedly as a partial in-kind redemption on their investment. The amount and value of the cryptocurrency transferred is being investigated.

D. Private Investments

The Receiver is in the process of attempting to liquidate Smith's purported interests in Bluwater Holdings Corp. and the Calais Gold Mine through a buyout and/or negotiated settlement. The Receiver is prepared to initiate litigation if any proposed resolution fails to appropriately compensate the Receivership for Smith's interest and/or the Receivership Assets transferred. The Receivership continues to receive distributions on Smith's \$100,000.00 investment in OTAF (Holgate) LLC. The potential value of Smith's one (1) share in CMCC Development Corp. ("CMCC") is still being investigated.

E. Receivables and Promissory Notes

The Receiver's continued pursuit of litigation includes (1) a promissory note from Sunny Ocean 699, LLC and Agostinho Calcada, individually, for over \$1.5 million; and (2) a promissory note from Rose & Thorn Cowlitz, LLC ("Rose & Thorn"), which received nearly \$7.5 million from Receivership Parties⁴.

⁴ The Receiver's lawsuit against Richard Shawn Ellis, Rose & Thorn, and other affiliated entities primarily involves fraudulent and voidable transfer claims, but seeks certain relief, in the alternative, under a breach of contract theory.

F. Louisiana Properties

The Receiver reached an agreement with the mortgaging bank for the BD of Louisiana Property for the sale of the property through an executory process, which was approved by the Court on July 19, 2023. (ECF Nos. 259, 260).

G. Additional Bank Accounts and Funds

ICBCFS continues to hold approximately \$444,213.08 in two clearing accounts for CV Brokerage, pursuant to a Stipulation. (ECF No. 30). The Receiver has addressed ICBCFS' claimed security and priority interest in these funds in his First Omnibus Claims Motion (ECF Nos. 254, 256, 258).

As of February 22, 2023, Cidel Bank held an account in the name of CV International Investments, Ltd., which had the equivalent market value of approximately \$12,821.80 USD. Cidel has also continued to charge quarterly management fees on the account of between \$11.23 and \$11.34 per quarter since the entry of the Receivership Order. On July 18, 2023, the Receiver requested that Cidel cease charging management fees on the account given the Receivership Order, Consent Directive, and the Receiver's numerous requests for the turnover of these funds, and reiterated his request for the return of those funds. Cidel Bank thereafter agreed to reverse the management fees and to return these assets to the Receivership Estate. Cidel Bank transferred the updated balance of \$12,957.22 to the Receiver on July 21, 2023 which, less a \$70 wire transfer fee, resulted in the repatriation of \$12,887.22 in Receivership Assets.

H. Personal Property

In total, the Receiver has recovered \$14,188.20 in net proceeds from the sale of personal property through eighteen (18) auctions over the course of the Receivership, after deduction of commissions and related expenses. Additionally, Smith arranged for the pick-up of her personal/sentimental belongings on April 6, 2023. Further, as previously reported, the Receiver has not been able to locate viable options for the sale of computer equipment retrieved from the Equinix data center.

VI. LIQUIDATED AND UNLIQUIDATED CLAIMS HELD BY RECEIVERSHIP ESTATE

The Receiver has filed twelve (12) lawsuits over the course of the Receivership. Three of those lawsuits are settled and closed – *Kent v. MCITC, et al.*, 2:21-cv-13104 (D.N.J.), *Kent v. Hooper, et al.*, No. 2:22-cv-01876 (D.N.J.), and *Kent v. Bydalek, et al.*, 2:22-cv-01811 (D.N.J.). However, two of the defendants in the MCITC case, Medical Construction Industrial Training Center, LLC ("MCITC") and Carol Johnson, with whom the Receiver settled his claims, have failed to fulfill their full payment obligations and have filed for bankruptcy. The Receiver submitted his claim in the MCITC bankruptcy case on June 28, 2023, seeking payment of the remaining \$100,000.00 owed, plus interest, pursuant to the terms of the settlement agreement approved by this Court. *See In re Medical Construction Industrial Training Center, LLC*, 23-bk-13260-JNP (Bankr. D.N.J.). Ms. Johnston's bankruptcy action is still in its infancy, with a claims deadline of August 31, 2023. *See In re Carol Ford Johnston Olive*, 23-15398-ABA (Bankr. D.N.J.).

The Receiver's Fourth Motion for Permission to Initiate Litigation on Behalf of the Receivership Estate (ECF No. 220) was granted on April 27, 2023 (ECF No. 242).

VII. CREDITORS

The Receiver summarized the trade creditor claims that have been submitted through the Receivership claims process and identified additional potential creditors who filed lawsuits but did not submit creditor claims in his ninth quarterly status report, which is incorporated herein by reference. The creditor claims are further summarized in the Receiver's First Omnibus Claims Motion. (ECF No. 254).

VIII. STATUS OF CREDITOR CLAIMS PROCEEDINGS

Pursuant to the Court's adjusted briefing schedule, the Receiver re-filed the First Omnibus Claims Motion, all responses, and the Receiver's Reply on July 13, 2023. (ECF Nos. 254 – 258).

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At the time the Receiver initially filed his First Omnibus Claims Motion, the Receiver had received and processed a total of thirty-seven (37) Investor Creditor Claims totaling \$69,373,769.53,⁵ and fifteen (15) Non-Investor Creditor claims totaling \$86,921,909.87, for total claims of \$156,295,679.40.⁶ However, the Receiver has since resolved the disputed creditor claim of Southern Minerals Group. The Receiver has now confirmed the creditor claim of Southern Minerals Group in the amount of \$160,000.00, which negotiated amount represents the claim amount that will be attributed to SMG for purposes of a future distribution process when the Receiver proposes a plan of distribution to the Court.⁷

With the resolution of Southern Minerals Group's claim—previously asserted in the amount of \$21,929,259.00—the amount of total claims against the Receivership Estate has been reduced to \$134,526,420.40, and the total amount of non-investor creditor claims has been reduced to \$65,152,650.87.

⁵ For purposes of this filing, this includes investors who invested money in any of the Receivership Parties, not just Broad Reach Capital or TA1.
⁶ This includes a claim from the IRS. These numbers exclude claims that were withdrawn prior to the filing of the First Omnibus Claims Motion. They also exclude claims for amounts that were submitted after the Claims Bar Date.

⁷ Southern Minerals Group has represented that it has not assigned its claim.

IX. RECEIVER'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONTINUATION OR DISCONTINUATION OF THE RECEIVERSHIP

Given the Receiver's continued investigation and pursuit of litigation, the claims asserted by the IRS, the pendency of the Creditor Claims Proceedings and need for those to conclude before any distribution can be proposed and order of preference adjudicated, and the extended payout schedules associated with certain settlement agreements, the Receiver does not have a projected date by which he expects the Receivership to close.

X. CONCLUSION

The Receiver, Kevin Dooley Kent, hereby respectfully submits this Twelfth Quarterly Status Report for the Court's review and consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Date: 07/27/2023

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STANDARDIZED FUND ACCOUNTING REPORT

CIVIL – RECEIVERSHIP FUND

Brenda Smith, Broad Reach Capital, LP, Broad Reach Partners, LLC, and Bristol Advisors, LLC Civil Action No.: 2:19-cv-17213-MCA-ESK

REPORTING PERIOD 04/01/2023 TO 06/30/2023

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		Detail	Subtotal		Period Total		Case to Date
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	Increases in Fund Balance:						
Line 2	Business Income				-	i i	-
Line 3	Cash and Securities			1	-		8,320,567.58
Line 4	Interest/Dividend Income				52,950.08		65,649,81
Line 5	Business Asset Liquidation			1	-		700.00
Line 6	Personal Asset Liquidation			1	12,925.00		561,144.02
Line 7	Third-Party Litigation Income				12,020,00		1,949,990.17
Line 8	Miscellaneous - Other			F I			1,545,550.11
	Total Funds Available (Lines 1 – 8):			s	7 002 420 20		10,898,051.58
	Decreases in Fund Balance:			 ≁	7,902,430.38	\$	10,696,001.06
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ine 10	Disbursements for Receivership Operations			[196,523.10	1	2,914,547.53
Line 10a	Disbursements to Receiver or Other Professionals				195,664.94		
Line 10b	Business Asset Expenses				-		
Line 10c	Personal Asset Expenses				495,00		
Line 10d	Investment Expenses				363,16		
Line 10e	Third-Party Litigation Expenses						
	1. Attorney Fees				_		
	2. Litigation Expenses				-	Í	
	Total Third-Party Litigation Expenses				-		
Line tot					-		
Line 10f	Tax Administrator Fees and Bonds				-		
Line 10g	Federal and State Tax Payments				-		
	Total Disbursements for Receivership Operations			\$	196,523.10	\$	3,173,324.52
ine 11	Disbursements for Distribution Expenses Paid by the Fund:				-		18,819.78
Line 11a	Distribution Plan Development Expenses:						
	1. Fees:						
	Fund Administrator				-		
	Independent Distribution Consultant (IDC)						
					-		
	Distribution Agent				-		
	Consultants				-		
	Legal Advisers				-		
	Tax Advisers				-		
	2. Administrative Expenses				-		
	3. Miscellaneous				-		
	Total Plan Development Expenses				-		
Line 11b	Distribution Plan Implementation Expenses:				_		
2010 775	1. Fees:						
	Fund Administrator				-		
	IDC				-		
	Distribution Agent				-		
	Consultants				-		
	Legal Advisers				-		
	Tax Advisers						
	Tax Advisers				-		
	2. Administrative Expenses				-		
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	2. Administrative Expenses				-		
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	2. Administrative Expenses 3. Investor Identification: Notice/Publishing Approved Plan Claimant Identification				-		
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	2. Administrative Expenses 3. Investor Identification: Notice/Publishing Approved Plan Claimant Identification Claims Processing Web Site Maintenance/Call Center						
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	2. Administrative Expenses 3. Investor Identification: Notice/Publishing Approved Plan Claimant Identification Claimant Identification Claims Processing Web Site Maintenance/Call Center 4. Fund Administrator Bond 5. Miscellaneous 6. Federal Account for Investor Restitution (FAIR) Reporting Expenses Total Disbursements for Distribution Expenses Paid by the Fund Disbursements to Court/Other:			\$	-	\$	18,819.78
ine 12 Line 12a	2. Administrative Expenses 3. Investor Identification: Notice/Publishing Approved Plan Claimant Identification Claimant Identification Claimant Identification Claimant Identification Site Maintenance/Call Center 4. Fund Administrator Bond 5. Miscellaneous 6. Federal Account for Investor Restitution (FAIR) Reporting Expenses Total Plan Implementation Expenses Total Disbursements for Distribution Expenses Paid by the Fund Disbursements to Court/Other: Investment Expenses/Court Registry Investment System			\$	-	\$	18,819.78
	2. Administrative Expenses 3. Investor Identification: Notice/Publishing Approved Plan Claimant Identification Claimant Identification Claims Processing Web Site Maintenance/Call Center 4. Fund Administrator Bond 5. Miscellaneous 6. Federal Account for Investor Restitution (FAIR) Reporting Expenses Total Disbursements for Distribution Expenses Paid by the Fund Disbursements to Court/Other:			\$	-	\$	18,819.78
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Line 12a	2. Administrative Expenses 3. Investor Identification: Notice/Publishing Approved Plan Claimant Identification Claimant Identification Claimant Identification Claims Processing Web Site Maintenance/Call Center 4. Fund Administrator Bond 5. Miscellaneous 6. Federal Account for Investor Restitution (FAIR) Reporting Expenses Total Disbursementation Expenses Total Disbursements for Distribution Expenses Paid by the Fund Disbursements to Court/Other: Investment Expenses/Court Registry Investment System (CRIS) Fees Federal Tax Payments				-		18,819.78
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Line 12a Line 12b ine 13 ine 14	2. Administrative Expenses 3. Investor Identification: Notice/Publishing Approved Plan Claimant Identification Claims Processing Web Site Maintenance/Call Center 4. Fund Administrator Bond 5. Miscellaneous 6. Federal Account for Investor Restitution (FAIR) Reporting Expenses Total Disbursements for Distribution Expenses Paid by the Fund Disbursements to Court/Other: Investment Expenses/Court Registry Investment System (CRIS) Fees Federal Tax Payments Total Disbursements to Court/Other Total Balance (As of 06/30/23): Ending Balance of Fund – Net Assets:			\$ \$	196,523.10 7,705,907.28	\$	- 3,192,144.30
Line 12a Line 12b ine 13 ine 14 Line 14a	2. Administrative Expenses 3. Investor Identification: Notice/Publishing Approved Plan Claimant Identification Claims Processing Web Site Maintenance/Call Center 4. Fund Administrator Bond 5. Miscellaneous 6. Federal Account for Investor Restitution (FAIR) Reporting Expenses Total Disbursements for Distribution Expenses Paid by the Fund Disbursements to Court/Other: Investment Expenses/Court Registry Investment System (CRIS) Fees Federal Tax Payments Total Disbursements to Court/Other Total Funds Disbursed (Lines 9 – 11): Ending Balance (As of 06/30/23):			\$ \$	196,523.10	\$	- 3,192,144.30
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STANDARDIZED FUND ACCOUNTING REPORT for Consolidated Broad Reach Capital Receivership Entities - Cash Basis Receivership; Civil Court Docket No. 2:19-CV-17213-MCA-ESK REPORTING PERIOD 04/01/2023 TO 06/30/2023

OTHER SUPPL	EMENTAL INFORMATION:	Current Rep	orting Period - 04/0	1/23 to 06/30/23		06/29/2020	- 06/30/23
		Detail Subtotal Period Total			otal	Case to Date	
	Report of Items NOT To Be Paid by the Fund:						
	Disbursements for Plan Administration Expenses Not Paid						
Line 15	by the Fund:			s	-	\$	-
Line 15a	Plan Development Expenses Not Paid by the Fund:				1		
	1. Fées:				-		
	Fund Administrator				-		
	DC				-		
	Distribution Agent				-		
	Consultants				-		
	Legal Advisers				-		
	Tax Advisers						
	2. Administrative Expenses						
					.		
	3. Miscellaneous			s			
	Total Plan Development Expenses Not Paid by the Fund						
Line 15b	Plan Implementation Expenses Not Paid by the Fund:						
	1. Fees:						
	Fund Administrator				•		
	IDC				-		
	Distribution Agent				-		
	Consultants				•		
	Legal Advisers				-		
	Tax Advisers				-		
	2. Administrative Expenses				-		
	3. Investor Identification:						
	Notice/Publishing Approved Plan						
	Claimant Identification				-		
	Claims Processing			1	-		
	Web Site Maintenance/Call Center				-		
	4. Fund Administrator Bond				-		
	5. Miscellaneous				-		
	6. FAIR Reporting Expenses				-		
	Total Plan Implementation Expenses Not Paid by the Fund			\$			
Line 15c	Tax Administrator Fees & Bonds Not Paid by the Fund				-		
	Total Disbursements for Plan Administration Expenses Not						
	Paid by the Fund				-		-
ine 16	Disbursements to Court/Other Not Paid by the Fund:				-		-
Line 16a	Investment Expenses/CRIS Fees				-		
Line 16b	Federal Tax Payments				-		
2000 700	Total Disbursements to Court/Other Not Paid by the Fund:				- 1		-
ine 17.	DC & State Tax Payments			s	-	\$	-
ine 18	No. of Claims:			•			
Line 16	# of Claims Received This Reporting Period						-
	# of Claims Received This Reporting Pendu # of Claims Received Since Inception of Fund						52
Line 18b							34
ine 19	No. of Claimants/Investors:						-
Line 19a	# of Claimants/Investors Paid This Reporting Period						1
Line 19b	# of Claimants/Investors Paid Since Inception of Fund						

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<u>Notes</u>

[1] In accordance with the Motion of Receiver, Kevin D. Kent, Esquire, to Approve a Settlement Resolving the Receiver's April 9, 2021 Motion to Determine Ownership of Taylor Trading, LLC Account (ECF No. 130) ("Taylor Trading Motion") and the Order Confirming Ownership of Taylor Trading, LLC Account Proceedings (ECF No. 134), the Receiver arranged for the transfer of 50% of the balance of the Taylor Trading, LLC bank account maintained with PNC Bank ("Taylor Trading Account") to investor Surefire Dividend Capture, LP ("Surefire") on November 19, 2021. Surefire had filed claims against, *inter alia*, Scott Koppenheffer in a lawsuit it filed in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania captioned Surefire Dividend Capture, LP v. Smith et al., No. 2:19-cv-04088 (E.D. Pa.) (the "Surefire Action"). Surefire agreed to resolve its claims against Mr. Koppenheffer is rights (if any) to the Taylor Trading Account. The Receiver and Surefire then agreed to resolve the Taylor Trading Motion by splitting the balance in the Taylor Trading Account, which amount will be deducted from any future distribution made by the Receiver to Surefire. This settlement resulted in a meaningful recovery for the Receivership Estate while eliminating the risk and cost of litigating the issue of account ownership with Mr. Koppenheffer and/or Surefire.

Receiver By: Voolay Ken Date:

NOTES TO THE STANDARDIZED FUND ACCOUNTING REPORT

Receivership Cash Accounts

As of June 30, 2023, the Receiver's cash balance of \$7,705,907.28 was maintained in checking and savings accounts at Bank of America and WSFS Bank with the following balances.

Receivership Cash Account Balances - June 30, 2023

Financial Institution	Account Type	Balance
Bank of America	Checking	226,913.44
WSFS Bank	Checking	187,384.96
WSFS Bank	Savings	7,291,608.88
Total Cash		\$7,705,907.28

Investments, Real and Personal Property

As described more fully in the Receiver's Twelfth Quarterly Status Report, the Receiver is in the process of identifying and liquidating all the investments, real and personal property of the Receivership Parties.

In addition to the transactions reflected within the Standardized Fund Accounting Report, the Receiver anticipates recovering future distributions related to Brenda Smith's personal investment in OTAF LLC.

The Receivership has an interest in two parcels in Tangipahoa Parish, Louisiana, owned by BD of Louisiana, LLC ("BD of Louisiana Property"), which are subject to a mortgage with an outstanding principal balance of approximately \$345,000. Due to an inability to secure a private buyer for the BD of Louisiana Property, the Receiver entered into a Creditor Agreement with b1BANK, authorizing it to initiate mortgage foreclosure proceedings against BD of Louisiana, LLC in Louisiana, subject to this Court's approval.

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,

BRENDA SMITH, BROAD REACH CAPITAL, LP, BROAD REACH PARTNERS, LLC, and BRISTOL ADVISORS, LLC,

v.

C. A. No. 2:19-cv-17213 (MCA)

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Defendants.

I hereby certify, this 27th day of July, 2023, that I caused to be served a true and correct copy of the Receiver Kevin Dooley Kent's Twelfth Quarterly Status Report, upon Plaintiff, Securities and Exchange Commission, through counsel of record, and upon counsel of record for all other parties, by electronic filing pursuant to Fed.R.Civ.P. 5(b), and upon Defendant, Brenda A. Smith, on behalf of all defendants, via first-class mail, postage prepaid, as follows:

> Brenda A. Smith Register No. 72832-050 FCI Danbury Federal Correctional Institution Route 37 Danbury CT 06811

> > <u>s/ Robin S. Weiss</u> Robin S. Weiss, Esq. Attorney for Receiver, Kevin Dooley Kent, Esq.