UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA TAMPA DIVISION

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,

v.

CASE NO. 8:20-CV-325-T-35AEP

BRIAN DAVISON; BARRY M. RYBICKI; EQUIALT LLC; EQUIALT FUND, LLC; EQUIALT FUND II, LLC; EQUIALT FUND III, LLC; EA SIP, LLC;

Defendants, and

128 E. DAVIS BLVD, LLC; et al. ;

Relief Defendants.

<u>RECEIVER'S MOTION FOR RETURN OF DEPOSITS PAID TO</u> <u>AUDEMARS PIGUET (A/K/A SIMWEST INC.)</u>

Comes now, the Receiver seeking the Court's assistance in ordering the return of deposits made by defendant EquiAlt LLC to Audemars Piguet a/k/a SIMWEST for Mr. Davison's personal purchases. In support of his motion, the Receiver states as follows:

During the course of the Receiver's investigation of jewelry and watches purchased by Mr. Davison, the Receiver sent a request for information to Audemars Piguet's independent boutiques (a/k/a SIMWEST INC.) in Beverly Hills, California. Mr. Davison's counsel was copied on the communications with SIMWEST and received copies of the documents produced by SIMWEST. Based on the information received from SIMWEST and a review of EquiAlt records, the Receiver has created the following timeline for certain payments made by EquiAlt.

On March 11, 2019, Mr. Davison placed an order with the Audemars Piguet boutique in Las Vegas for a white gold lady concept watch with a retail price of \$252,000. *See* Exhibit 1. This was a custom/special order. *Id.* For this purchase, a deposit of \$125,000 was required. On June 12, 2019, Brian Davison asked EquiAlt's Chief Financial Officer Denver Stoddart to wire \$125,000 from EquiAlt to SIMWEST. When asked for a description of the transaction, Mr. Davison responded "Marketing". *See* Exhibit 2. The wire was sent on June 13, 2019. *See* Exhibit 3.

Similarly, on April 27, 2019, Mr. Davison placed a special order for a \$370,000 CODE Supersonnerie watch from the same boutique. *See* Exhibit 4. This purchase required a deposit of \$185,000. *Id.* Mr. Davison requested that Ms. Stoddart send a wire from EquiAlt to SIMWEST for that amount. The wire was sent on June 26, 2019. *See* Exhibit 5. Again, the wire was marked internally for "Marketing". There is no indication in EquiAlt's accounting records that Mr. Davison ever reimbursed the company for these personal expenses.

After receiving this information from SIMWEST, the Receiver inquired as to the status of the deposits. Mr. Mikael Cohen, on behalf of SIMWEST, stated that the company was still in possession of the deposits but would require a Court order for the return of the funds. *See* Exhibit 6. Undersigned counsel reached out to counsel for the SEC and Mr. Davison to see if they would agree to an unopposed motion to have the deposits returned. The SEC had no objection to the relief sought. Counsel for Mr. Davison agreed with the return of the funds but believes that at least a portion of the funds should be used to secure living expenses and legal fees for Mr. Davison. *See* Exhibit 7.

The Receiver requests that the Court order SIMWEST, Inc. to return the \$310,000 in deposits to the Receiver on behalf of receivership entity EquiAlt LLC. These monies were paid by EquiAlt LLC, not Mr. Davison, to SIMWEST. Mr. Davison has no claim to these funds for his personal expenses or for legal fees. These monies rightfully belong to EquiAlt and ultimately to the Receivership Estate for the benefit of the defrauded investors.

LOCAL RULE 3.01(g) CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE

The undersigned counsel for the Receiver has conferred with counsel for the Commission and is authorized to represent to the Court that the Commission does not oppose the relief requested in this motion. Counsel for the Receiver has also conferred with counsel for Mr. Davison who agrees with the return of the deposits but disagrees as to the use for the funds.

Respectfully submitted,

s/Katherine C. Donlon

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Attorneys for the Receiver, Burton W. Wiand

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on May 20, 2020, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court by using the CM/ECF system. Additionally, I have served Mikael Cohen, on behalf of Audemars Piguet a/k/a SIMWEST INC. at 8701 Wilshire Blvd., Beverly Hills, CA 90211 and via email mikaelc@ildicoinc.com.

<u>s/Katherine C. Donlon</u> Katherine C. Donlon, FBN 0066941 Case 8:20-cv-00325-MSS-AEP Document 96-1 Filed 05/20/20 Page 1 of 2 PageID 1993

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Kacy Donlon

From: Sent: To: Subject: Brian <brian@equialt.com> Wednesday, June 12, 2019 4:50 PM denver@equialt.com Re: Wire

Marketing

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 12, 2019, at 16:46, <<u>denver@equialt.com</u>> <<u>denver@equialt.com</u>> wrote:

Hello Brian,

What is the description for this transaction, so that I may record accordingly.

Thanks

From: brian@equialt.com <brian@equialt.com> Sent: Wednesday, June 12, 2019 4:24 PM To: denver@equialt.com Subject: Wire

Denver,

Please wire:

From: EquiAlt LLC

Amount: \$125,000.00

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denver@equialt.com

From: Sent: To: Subject: brian@equialt.com Wednesday, June 26, 2019 2:31 PM denver@equialt.com Wire request

Denver,

Please schedule a wire:

From EquiAlt LLC to SIM West

Amount: \$185,000.00

Reference: Brian Davison, 26395BC Attn: Liezel

Cordially,



Brian Davison Founder/CEO 1.855.EquiAlt www.EquiAlt.com



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Kacy Donlon

From:	Mikael - Ildico Inc <mikaelc@ildicoinc.com></mikaelc@ildicoinc.com>
Sent:	Monday, May 11, 2020 5:33 PM
То:	Kacy Donlon
Cc:	Howard Fischer (hfischer@MOSESSINGER.COM); Zizo Azzat
Subject:	RE: Audemars Piguet - SEC v. Davison (M.D. Fla.)

Yes, we do have the deposits.

No release without an official court being officially served upon by the court with designation of the payee Trust. Thank you

Mikael Cohen ILDICO INC Tel 310-205 5555 Mikaelc@ildicoinc.com

From: Kacy Donlon <kdonlon@wiandlaw.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 9, 2020 10:50 PM
To: Mikael - Ildico Inc <mikaelc@ildicoinc.com>
Cc: Howard Fischer (hfischer@MOSESSINGER.COM) <hfischer@MOSESSINGER.COM>; Zizo Azzat
<zizo@apboutique.com>
Subject: RE: Audemars Piguet - SEC v. Davison (M.D. Fla.)

Please respond to the question below. Do you still have these deposits?

From: Kacy Donlon
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 8:33 PM
To: Mikael - Ildico Inc <<u>mikaelc@ildicoinc.com</u>>
Cc: Howard Fischer (<u>hfischer@MOSESSINGER.COM</u>) <<u>hfischer@MOSESSINGER.COM</u>>; Zizo Azzat
<<u>zizo@apboutique.com</u>>
Subject: RE: Audemars Piguet - SEC v. Davison (M.D. Fla.)

Do you still have those deposits? If so, please understand from the attached order that those are frozen. Thanks.

Katherine C. "Kacy" Donlon 5505 W. Gray Street Tampa, FL 33609 Phone: 813.347.5104 Cell: 813.494.6806 Fax: 813.347.5154 kdonlon@wiandlaw.com www.wiandlaw.com



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Kacy Donlon

From:	Howard A. Fischer < hfischer@MOSESSINGER.COM>
Sent:	Friday, May 15, 2020 4:33 PM
То:	Kacy Donlon; Johnson, Alise
Cc:	Kent C. Kolbig; Charles M. Harris - Trenam Law (CHarris@trenam.com)
Subject:	RE: Audemars Piguet - SEC v. Davison (M.D. Fla.)
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Kacy:

Conceptually speaking, we have no objection. However, we do have some concerns about the uses of these funds. We believe that at least a portion of these funds should be used to secure both living expenses for Mr. Davison and his family as well as a source for legal expenses. In the interim period while we are discussing the appropriate amount of those figures with the SEC, we propose that these funds, or at least a large portion of them, be segregated in a specific fund before being disbursed.

Regards,

Howard

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From: Kacy Donlon [mailto:kdonlon@wiandlaw.com]
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 3:32 PM
To: Johnson, Alise <johnsonali@SEC.GOV>; Howard A. Fischer <hfischer@MOSESSINGER.COM>
Cc: Kent C. Kolbig <kkolbig@MOSESSINGER.COM>; Charles M. Harris - Trenam Law (CHarris@trenam.com)
<CHarris@trenam.com>
Subject: RE: Audemars Piguet - SEC v. Davison (M.D. Fla.)

From: Johnson, Alise [mailto:johnsonali@SEC.GOV]
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 11:53 AM
To: Kacy Donlon <<u>kdonlon@wiandlaw.com</u>>; Howard A. Fischer <<u>hfischer@MOSESSINGER.COM</u>>
Cc: Kent C. Kolbig <<u>kkolbig@MOSESSINGER.COM</u>>; Charles M. Harris - Trenam Law (<u>CHarris@trenam.com</u>)
<<u>CHarris@trenam.com</u>>
Subject: RE: Audemars Piguet - SEC v. Davison (M.D. Fla.)

Howard?

No objection from the SEC.



Alise Johnson Senior Trial Counsel U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission Miami Regional Office 801 Brickell Ave, Suite 1950, Miami, FL 33131 Office: 305.982.6300 Email: johnsonali@sec.gov

From: Kacy Donlon <<u>kdonlon@wiandlaw.com</u>>
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 11:40 AM
To: Howard A. Fischer <<u>hfischer@MOSESSINGER.COM</u>>; Johnson, Alise <<u>johnsonali@SEC.GOV</u>>
Cc: Kent C. Kolbig <<u>kkolbig@MOSESSINGER.COM</u>>; Charles M. Harris - Trenam Law (<u>CHarris@trenam.com</u>)
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Howard & Alise -

Attached are the two wires that correspond with the deposits that Mr. Cohen referenced in his emails and the documents he produced. As you can see, these were wires from EquiAlt for "marketing" for these watch deposits. In order to get those monies back to the Receiver on behalf of EquiAlt, I would like to file an unopposed motion seeking an order from the Court ordering the return of those deposits. Please let me know if I can represent to the court your agreement with such relief. Thanks.

Kacy

From: Mikael - Ildico Inc [mailto:mikaelc@ildicoinc.com]
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 5:33 PM
To: Kacy Donlon <<u>kdonlon@wiandlaw.com</u>>
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Mikael Cohen ILDICO INC Tel 310-205 5555 Mikaelc@ildicoinc.com