

EXHIBIT

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
SHERMAN DIVISION

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION,

Plaintiff

v.

JAMES G. TEMME, and
STEWARDSHIP FUND, LP,

Defendants,

Civil Action No.
4:11-CV-00655-MHS

DECLARATION OF DUSTIN BATES

I, Dustin Bates, make the following declaration pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746 and state as follows:

1. "I am of sound mind, am over the age of twenty-one years, have never been convicted of a felony or crime of moral turpitude, and am fully competent and authorized to make this affidavit.

2. I am of sound mind, capable of making this Declaration, and personally acquainted with the facts herein stated and they are true and correct.

3. On November 4, 2010, I was having breakfast at the IHOP restaurant on Central Expressway in Allen, Texas and overheard a conversation between Cade Thompson, CEO of Halo and another person discussing Stewardship. I knew Cade because my wife, Jamie Bates, was an employee of Stewardship Fund at the time and I had seen Cade in that context. As the conversation progressed I became concerned about the tone and the content and began taking notes on my phone.

4. The conversation included references to Chad as a major player with Halo and Sean Cantrell as someone who was performing insider trading. I do not know either of these people.

5. The conversation also referred to Joseph Harker, whom I know from my employment at Harvest Church where Joseph is a member, and that Joseph was now out of the picture at Stewardship and Jay Temme, whom I also know from Harvest, was supporting them (Halo).

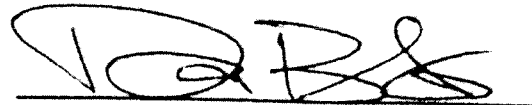
6. Further, the conversation included comments that Halo needed \$2.1 million to pay everyone back and that Stewardship was a "gold mine" that would save their company. Cade stated that they would merge with Stewardship, give Jay 10% and then reshuffle the ownership to push him out in a way Jay would not know about, and that it would be easy.

7. I was so concerned about this conversation that I called Jay Temme and warned him. Jay said I must have misunderstood what was being said because Cade was his friend and partner and would never harm him. Still concerned, I contacted Joseph Harker and reiterated my concerns.

8. I still have the notes I took on that day stored on my phone.

9. On Sunday November 27, 2011, I was contacted by Linda Hayes, Joseph's sister-in-law, who asked me to recount the conversation as I recalled it. She asked if I still had the notes and if I would be willing to be contacted by the SEC. I said that I was and gave her my email address. I was never contacted by the SEC or anyone else associated with the Receiver for Stewardship Fund.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.



DUSTIN BATES