

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION

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)	Case No. 06 CR 964
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ORDER APPROVING FINAL RESTITUTION FUND DISTRIBUTION

The Special Master, Douglas A. Doetsch, by and through his counsel, having filed his *Motion and Memorandum for Final Restitution Fund Distribution* (the "**Final Distribution** Motion") moving this Court to approve a final Restitution Fund distribution, and this Court having held a hearing thereon, and the Court being otherwise fully advised in the premises, ¹

IT IS ORDERED AND ADJUDGED as follows:

- 1. The Special Master and the Claims Processing Agent have taken all reasonable steps in conducting the First Distribution and have complied with the Court's prior orders in conducting the First Distribution;
- 2. The claims of the 138 Unclaimed Victims from the First Distribution listed on the Unclaimed Victim List, attached as Exhibit E to the Final Distribution Motion, have properly been stricken from the list of Victims eligible for the Final Restitution Fund Distribution, and the amounts of their unclaimed First Distribution checks (US \$834,703.92) shall be added to the

¹ Capitalized terms used herein but not otherwise defined shall have the meanings set forth in the Claims Procedure Orders and the Final Distribution Motion.

monies available for the Final Distribution to the remaining Eligible Victims, in accordance with the terms of the First Distribution Order;

- 3. The "Final Distribution Eligible Victim List," attached as Exhibit I to the Final Distribution Motion and incorporated herein by reference, and the actions of the Claims Processing Agent in compiling the Final Distribution Eligible Victim List, are ratified, and the determinations of Total Restitution Amount ("TRA") and the Final Distribution Amount for each approved Eligible Victim constitute final and binding determinations of TRA and Final Distribution Amount for each Eligible Victim, and each of them individually are hereby barred from asserting any claim in excess thereof against the Restitution Fund, the Special Master or Claims Processing Agent (either personally or in their representative capacities), or their employees, agents, attorneys and accountants;
- 4. All claims of individuals and/or entities not specifically listed as Eligible Victims on the Final Distribution Eligible Victim List, as well as all individuals and/or entities listed on the Unclaimed Victim List, attached as Exhibit E to the Final Distribution Motion and incorporated herein by reference, are hereby forever barred and may not be asserted against the Restitution Fund, the Special Master or Claims Processing Agent (either personally or in their representative capacities), or their employees, agents, attorneys and accountants:
- 5. The amount of US \$16,181,903.08 shall be transferred from the UBS Restitution Account to Fifth Third Bank for deposit into the Distribution Account to fund a final distribution to the Final Distribution Eligible Victims;
- 6. The amount of US \$17,000,000.00 shall be distributed out of the Distribution Account as the Final Distribution Amount to the Final Distribution Eligible Victims in

accordance with the Total Restitution Amounts ("TRA") set forth in the Final Distribution Eligible Victim List, as fully set forth in Exhibit I to the Final Distribution Motion;

- 7. The amount of US \$20,000.00 shall be maintained in the Distribution Account to pay bank fees and costs of Positive Pay;
- 8. The Special Master is authorized and directed to hold back the amount of US \$3,727,219.50 in the UBS Restitution Fund as a Contingency Reserve for the payment of accrued but unpaid expenses as of December 31, 2016, as well as future expenses to operate the estate, including the payment of future professional fees and costs, and to cover future, unknown contingencies, as detailed in the Final Distribution Motion;
- 9. (i) The Claims Processing Agent shall distribute the Final Distribution Amounts to the Final Distribution Eligible Victims as provided on the Final Distribution Eligible Victim List within forty-five (45) calendar days after entry of this Order Approving Final Restitution Fund Distribution (by May 4, 2017); (ii) the distribution shall be made to the Final Distribution Eligible Victims at each Victim's last known address contained in the records of the Claims Processing Agent and all checks shall be mailed via *United States First Class Mail*; (iii) the burden is on the Final Distribution Eligible Victims to notify the Claims Processing Agent of a Final Distribution Eligible Victim's current address and other contact information, and of insuring that a Final Distribution Eligible Victim's name and/or proper contact information are contained in the Claims Processing Agent's records; (iv) the Claims Processing Agent is under no duty or obligation to attempt to determine current address and other contact information for any Final Distribution Eligible Victim; and (v) the Claims Processing Agent shall implement the security procedures of Positive Pay to ensure the proper negotiation of each Final Distribution check;

- within ninety (90) calendar days from the date of mailing of such checks (and in no event later than August 2, 2017) shall be void, the right to receive such payments shall terminate, subject only to the sole discretion of the Special Master, and the amounts otherwise distributable to such Final Distribution Eligible Victims shall be returned to the Restitution Fund and disposed of according to the Court's further instructions; further, the Claims Processing Agent shall, in the mailing of the Final Distribution checks, advise Final Distribution Eligible Victims of this potential loss of rights and the need to promptly cash their checks by including copies of a "Final Distribution Letter" substantially in the form attached as Exhibit J to the Final Distribution Motion and incorporated herein by reference; and such Victims shall have no right to participate in future distributions, shall be removed from the list of Victims, and the Claims Processing Agent shall have no further duty to locate these Victims or notify these Victims of future hearings, motions, orders or developments in this case;
- 11. Due to the joint ownership of some claims and in conjunction with the mailing of the Final Distribution checks, the Claims Processing Agent shall mail via *United States First Class Mail* a copy of the Final Distribution Letter to each Co-Victim reflected in the Claims Processing Agent's records advising them of the named payee and the address to which the check was mailed, provided however, that failure of the Claims Processing Agent to mail the Final Distribution Letter to Co-Victim Claimants, or failure of the Victims or Co-Victims to receive such letters, shall not give rise to any claim against the Claims Processing Agent, the Special Master, or their employees, attorneys, accountants or agents, as the copy of this letter is meant to provide a courtesy notice and does not convey substantive rights to Victims or Co-Victims;

- 12. Because many Victims in this matter are deceased, and their heirs may encounter difficulty in negotiating Final Distribution checks that are made payable to the estate of the decedent ("Estate Checks"), the Claims Processing Agent is hereby authorized to receive, review and analyze small estate affidavits, or other such similar small estate probate documents as authorized by state law ("Small Estate Affidavits"), as provided to the Claims Processing Agent by representatives of deceased victims' estates. The Claims Processing Agent shall use its best efforts upon review of the Small Estate Affidavits to determine if such documentation satisfies the identified victim's state requirements for reissuing the victim's Final Distribution Check to the designated surviving spouse, child or other heir ("Affiant") as identified in the Small Estate Affidavit, without further probate or other court involvement;
- 13. The Claims Processing Agent shall present to the United States Attorney's Office ("USAO") a list of all Small Estate Affidavits received that the Claims Processing Agent, in its professional opinion, has identified as satisfying the appropriate state requirements for reissuance of the Final Distribution Check to the identified Affiant. The Claims Processing Agent will also indicate whether or not, in its professional opinion, such documentation is sufficient for the Claims Processing Agent to send any additional, future court-approved distribution amounts from the restitution fund to the identified Affiant;
- 14. The USAO is authorized to approve the reissuance of the Final Distribution Checks to the identified Affiants as presented by the Claims Processing Agent, and to determine if such documentation is sufficient to include any additional future court-approved distributions from the restitution fund. No further Court approval is required;
- 15. Upon approval by the USAO, the Claims Processing Agent is authorized to reissue a victim's Final Distribution Check in the name of the Affiant, to mail the reissued

Final Distribution Check to the Affiant, via *United States First Class Mail* at the address provided by the Affiant, and further that: (i) the burden is on the Affiant to notify the Claims Processing Agent of any updated contact information, and of insuring that the Affiant's name and/or proper contact information are contained in the Claims Processing Agent's records; (ii) the Claims Processing Agent is under no duty or obligation to attempt to determine the current address and/or other contact information for any Affiant; and (iii) the Claims Processing Agent shall implement the security procedures of positive pay;

- 16. The Claims Processing Agent will only reissue a Final Distribution Check if, in addition to the requirements described above: (i) the Final Distribution Check was made payable to a deceased victim or a deceased victim's estate, and (ii) the Final Distribution Check has not been cashed or negotiated;
- 17. The Final Distribution Checks made payable to the Affiants which are returned or which have not been cashed by October 31, 2017, will be void, the right to receive such payments will terminate, subject only to the sole discretion of the Special Master, and the amounts otherwise distributable to such Affiant shall be returned to the Restitution Fund and disposed of according to the Court's further instructions. The Claims Processing Agent will, in the mailing of the reissued Final Distribution Checks to the Affiants, warn the Affiants of this potential loss of rights and the need to promptly cash their checks, and further that if an Affiant fails to cash the reissued Final Distribution Check by October 31, 2017, such Affiant shall have no right to participate in any future court-approved distributions and be removed from the Claims Processing Agent's list of Victims, and that the Claims Processing Agent shall have no further duty to notify such Affiant of future hearings, motions, orders or developments in this case;

- 18. In order to effectuate the distribution of the Final Distribution Amount and all subsequent distributions, if any, the Court releases and discharges the United States of America, its agents, servants and employees, the Special Master and the Claims Processing Agent (both in their personal and representative capacities) and their respective attorneys, accountants, employees, officers, directors and agents and all persons involved in the review, verification, calculation, tabulation, or any other aspect of the processing and distribution of checks and determination of claims filed pursuant to the Claims Procedure or otherwise involved in the administration of the estate, from any act or omission arising out of such involvement in all prior, current and future distributions, if any;
- States of America, its agents, servants and employees, the Special Master and the Claims Processing Agent (both in their personal and representative capacities) and their respective attorneys, accountants, employees, officers, directors and agents and all persons involved in the review, verification, calculation, tabulation, or any other aspect of the processing and distribution of checks and determination of claims filed pursuant to the Claims Procedure and the processing, issuance and reissuance of Estate Checks to any Affiant based on their reliance on the Small Estate Affidavit, or otherwise involved in the administration of the estate (the "Indemnified Parties"), from and against all actions pending or threatened, whether at law or in equity, in any forum, from liabilities, damages, losses, costs and expenses, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys' and other professionals' fees and costs, arising from conduct or omission of the Indemnified Parties in connection with this case;
- 20. The Final Distribution Motion and this Order, including all exhibits, shall be available to the public at the Clerk of the Court for the United States District Court for the

Northern District of Illinois (Eastern Division) for inspection and copying at such Court Clerk's

offices during normal business hours by any interested party who wishes to examine the same;

provided that the Court Clerk shall provide a copy of the Final Distribution Motion and this

Order to any person requesting the same at such person's cost, subject to such Court Clerk's

normal practices, procedures and requirements concerning same; and the Claims Processing

Agent is further directed to post a copy of the Final Distribution Motion and this Order, with all

exhibits attached, on the Claims Processing Agent's website at

http://www.stengerlaw.com/practice-areas/receivership/open-receiverships/michael-e-kelly/; and

21. The Special Master shall remain in his position until 2021 or such earlier time

when, in his judgment, the remaining contingencies have been resolved, which such role of the

Special Master after the Final Restitution Fund Distribution shall be limited to resolving such

contingencies and the Special Master shall not pursue the recovery of further assets for addition

to the Restitution Fund.

Dated: Trustel 2/, 2017.

SO ORDERED.

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Honorable Ronald A. Guzman