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**STATE OF WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS
SECURITIES DIVISION**

**In the Matter of
CHESTNUT PETROLEUM, INC.,
MARK A. PLUMMER, MARK J.
SOLOMON, and THOMAS E. TAPIA,**

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

File No. S-02074 (EX)

Respondents.

WHEREAS, the parties to the above-captioned administrative proceeding, the Bureau of Registration and Enforcement of the Securities Division, Department of Financial Institutions, State of Wisconsin (“Securities Division”), and Chestnut Petroleum, Inc., Mark A. Plummer, Mark J. Solomon and Thomas E. Tapia (collectively, the “Respondents”) have agreed on the terms of a settlement and dismissal of this proceeding; and

WHEREAS, the Securities Division and Respondents wish to set forth the settlement terms in this agreement to be signed by and on behalf of the parties hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Securities Division and the Respondents, intending to be bound hereby, agree as follows:

1. Within sixty (60) days of the date hereof, Respondent Mark A. Plummer shall file, on behalf of Plummer Securities, Inc., a broker-dealer registered under Section 15 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, in which he is the President and a Director (“Plummer Securities”), a Form B-D application for a broker-dealer license in Wisconsin and take all necessary and reasonable steps to pursue such licensing; and

2. In connection with the Form B-D application filed on behalf of Plummer Securities pursuant to paragraph 1, the applicant shall submit to the Securities Division, as supplemental information, written procedures designed to detect and prevent unlicensed activity and the offering of unregistered securities in the State of Wisconsin, which shall include the requirement that neither Plummer Securities nor any of the Respondents herein will offer or sell any securities in Wisconsin, whether or not an exemption from registration is or might be available, without filing with the Securities Division, at least 30 days prior to such offer and sale, a notice thereof including the offering materials; and

3. Respondents Plummer, Solomon and Tapia, if they are to be a principal of or employed by Plummer Securities, or any other broker-dealer that transacts or intends to transact business in Wisconsin, shall take all necessary steps to become appropriately licensed as a securities agent in Wisconsin prior to engaging in any supervisory or sales activities requiring such licensing; and

4. A failure to comply with the requirement to file the notice described in paragraph 2, above, shall be grounds for suspension or revocation of the broker-dealer license of Plummer Securities or the license of the Respondent responsible for such failure; and

5. The Securities Division shall send a letter to Respondent Tapia in the form and substance attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

6. The Securities Division shall forthwith issue an order rescinding the Prohibition Order dated September 23, 2002 against the Respondents in the form and substance attached hereto as Exhibit B.

**SECURITIES DIVISION
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS**

By: *Leticia M. Van Burskirk*

Mark A. Plummer
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Mark J. Solomon
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Thomas E. Tapia
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CHESTNUT PETROLEUM, INC.

By: *Mark A. Plummer*
MARK A. PLUMMER, PRESIDENT



State of Wisconsin
Department of Financial Institutions

Jim Doyle, Governor

April 2, 2003

Mr. Thomas E. Tapia
Plummer Securities, Inc.
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Plano, Texas 75075

Re: Chestnut Petroleum, Inc., et al.
File No. S-02074 (EX)

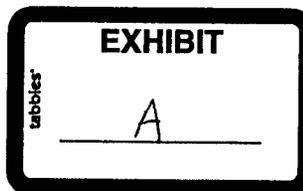
Dear Mr. Tapia:

I have been reviewing the above matter in great detail, and I have some serious concerns regarding your conduct in contacting Mr. Dorman in April, 2002 regarding an oil and gas investment. You have been in the securities business long enough to be familiar with the state securities laws, and know you must verify with the issuer or your employing broker-dealer whether you may offer securities in a particular state and the type of disclosure required. Soliciting individuals to become customers falls within the definition of "transacting business" found in DFI-Sec § 1.02(5)(c), Wis. Adm. Code. While it is not entirely clear whether Chestnut was acting as the issuer or as a broker-dealer at the time Mr. Dorman was solicited, it is clear that you were acting as an unlicensed agent in soliciting Mr. Dorman to be a customer of Chestnut Petroleum.

Based on the information provided to us by your attorney regarding your limited unlicensed activity in Wisconsin, this Division has determined that it is appropriate and in the best interests of Wisconsin investors to rescind the outstanding summary order against you. This is not a determination that a violation of the securities laws did not occur, but a determination as to the best use of administrative resources. This letter will serve as a warning to you that any future violations will result in a recommendation of administrative action by the staff.

Sincerely,

Leslie M. Van Buskirk
Staff Attorney
Bureau of Registration & Enforcement



Division of Securities

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**In the Matter of
CHESTNUT PETROLEUM, INC.,
MARK A. PLUMMER, MARK J.
SOLOMON and THOMAS E.
TAPIA,**

**ORDER TO RESCIND
SUMMARY ORDER OF
PROHIBITION**

File No. S-02074 (EX)

Respondents.

WHEREAS, based upon a Petition for Order presented by the Staff of the Bureau of Registration & Enforcement dated September 19, 2002, a Summary Order of Prohibition was issued dated September 23, 2002 against the Respondents herein; and

WHEREAS, Respondents have provided to the Staff information regarding the incident and have made representations and undertakings as set forth in the settlement agreement between the Division and Respondents; and

WHEREAS, on the basis of the foregoing, the Summary Order of Prohibition issued in this matter is no longer necessary in the public interest or for the protection of investors; and

WHEREAS, on the basis of the foregoing, this Order is found to be appropriate in the public interest and for the protection of investors, and violation of this order will result in reinstatement of the Summary Order of Prohibition,

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 551.63(1),

IT IS ORDERED that the Summary Order of Prohibition herein dated September 23, 2002 is hereby rescinded and the petition for hearing dismissed.

EXECUTED at Madison, Wisconsin this ____ day of April, 2003.

(SEAL)

Patricia D. Struck, Administrator
Division of Securities

