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WEEKLY AGENCY REPORT

OFFICE OF FINANCIAL REGULATION

WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 23, 2014

Successes for Week Ending October 23, 2014

1. Licensing and Registration

- Division of Securities
 - Applications Received: 1,125
 - Applications Approved: 1,064
 - Applications Denied/Withdrawn: 13

- Division of Consumer Finance
 - Applications Received: 494
 - Applications Approved: 528
 - Applications Denied/Withdrawn: 15

- Division of Financial Institutions
 - Applications Received: 1
 - Applications Approved: 6
 - Applications Denied/Withdrawn: 0

2. Regulatory Sanctions

Permanent Bar and \$1,580,000 in Total Fines Against a Precious Metals Broker and Agents for Fraud

On October 15, 2014, the Division of Securities entered a Final Order against Vertical Integration Group LLC, d/b/a Churchill Clearing Corp, Richard V. Morello, Jr., and Junior L. Alexis permanently barring the firm and individuals from registration with the Office, after they failed to request a hearing. The Final Order follows an Administrative Complaint, which alleged the firm and individuals operated a boiler room, misrepresented and omitted material facts to investors and conducted fraudulent securities transactions. A total of \$1,580,000 in administrative fines was assessed.

Denial of Associated Person

On October 17, 2014, the Division of Securities entered a Final Order against Andrew Spaventa, denying his application for registration as an associated person, after he failed to request a hearing. The Final Order follows a Notice of Intent to Deny, which alleged Mr. Spaventa made a material misrepresentation or misstatement on his application for registration.

New Issues

1. **Communications and Outreach Activities**

On October 15, 2014, a member of the Division of Financial Institutions participated on a regulator panel at the South Florida Banking Institute's BSA/AML/OFAC Regulatory meeting in Miami, Florida. Approximately 100 people were in attendance.

On October 20, 2014, the OFR issued a press release regarding Administrative Complaints against two businesses acting as unlicensed mortgage lenders.

[Press Release: Office of Financial Regulation Charges Two South Florida Businesses Acting as Unlicensed Mortgage Lenders](#)