

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
FORT WORTH DIVISION

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES  
AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION,**

**Plaintiff,**

**v.**

**THE HEARTLAND GROUP VENTURES, LLC;  
HEARTLAND PRODUCTION AND RECOVERY  
LLC; HEARTLAND PRODUCTION AND  
RECOVERY FUND LLC; HEARTLAND  
PRODUCTION AND RECOVERY FUND II LLC;  
THE HEARTLAND GROUP FUND III, LLC;  
HEARTLAND DRILLING FUND I, LP; CARSON  
OIL FIELD DEVELOPMENT FUND II, LP;  
ALTERNATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS, LLC;  
ARCOOIL CORP.; BARRON PETROLEUM  
LLC; JAMES IKEY; JOHN MURATORE;  
THOMAS BRAD PEARSEY; MANJIT SINGH  
(AKA ROGER) SAHOTA; and RUSTIN  
BRUNSON,**

**Defendants,**

**and**

**DODSON PRAIRIE OIL & GAS LLC, et al.**

**Relief Defendants.**

**No. 4:21-cv-01310-O**

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**AGREED PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION  
AGAINST DEFENDANT JOHN MURATORE**

This cause coming to be heard on the agreed motion of Plaintiff United States Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) and Defendant John Muratore (“Muratore” or “Defendant”) for the Entry of An Agreed Preliminary Injunction Against Defendant John Muratore following this Court’s entry of the following orders against or concerning Defendant: (a) Order for

Temporary Restraining Order and Other Emergency Relief [ECF No. 12]; and (b) Order Appointing Receivership [ECF No. 17] (together the “Orders”), the Court orders as follows:

### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Defendant acknowledges having been served with the Orders, and having been properly served with the SEC’s Complaint in this matter.

2. Defendant agrees to the issuance of a preliminary injunction in this matter in the form set forth below, which shall remain in full force and effect during the pendency of this litigation absent further order of this Court.

3. Defendant acknowledges Defendant’s continuing obligations with respect to aspects of the Orders set forth above, including but not limited to cooperation with the Court-appointed Receiver in this matter, an interim accounting, and the preservation of evidence, during the pendency of this litigation absent further order of this Court.

### **PRELIMINARY INJUNCTIONS**

#### **I. ORDER PRELIMINARILY ENJOINING DEFENDANT FROM VIOLATING THE REGISTRATION PROVISIONS OF THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933**

Defendant John Muratore, Defendant’s agents, servants, employees, attorneys, entities under Defendant’s control, and those persons or entities in active concert or participation with Defendant who receive actual notice of this Order, by personal service or otherwise, and each of them, are hereby restrained and enjoined from violating Sections 5(a) and 5(c) of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. §§ 77e(a) and (c)] by, directly or indirectly, in the absence of any applicable exemption:

A. Unless a registration statement is in effect as to a security, making use of any means or instruments of transportation or communication in interstate commerce or of the mails to sell such security through the use or medium of any prospectus or otherwise;

B. Unless a registration statement is in effect as to a security, carrying or causing to be carried through the mails or in interstate commerce, by any means or instruments of transportation, any such security for the purpose of sale or for delivery after sale; or

C. Making use of any means or instruments of transportation or communication in interstate commerce or of the mails to offer to sell or offer to buy through the use or medium of any prospectus or otherwise any security, unless a registration statement has been filed with the SEC as to such security, or while the registration statement is the subject of a refusal order or stop order or (prior to the effective date of the registration statement) any public proceeding of examination under Section 8 of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. § 77h].

**II. ORDER PRELIMINARILY ENJOINING DEFENDANT FROM VIOLATING SECTION 10(B) AND RULE 10B-5 OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Defendant John Muratore, Defendant's agents, servants, employees, attorneys, and those persons in active concert or participation with Defendant who receive actual notice of this Order, by personal service or otherwise, and each of them, are hereby restrained and enjoined from, directly or indirectly, in violation of Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78j(b)] and Rule 10b-5 thereunder [17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5], and in connection with the purchase or sale of securities, by the use of any means or instrumentality of interstate commerce or of the mails, or of any facility of any national securities exchange:

A. employing any device, scheme or artifice to defraud;

B. making any untrue statement of material fact or omitting to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements made, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; or

C. engaging in any act, practice, or course of business which operates or would operate as a fraud or deceit upon any person.

**III. ORDER PRELIMINARILY ENJOINING DEFENDANT FROM VIOLATING SECTION 17(a)(1), (2) and (3) OF THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933**

Defendant John Muratore, Defendant's agents, servants, employees, attorneys, and those persons in active concert or participation with Defendant who receive actual notice of this Order, by personal service or otherwise, and each of them, are hereby restrained and enjoined from, directly or indirectly, in violation of Section 17(a) of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. §§ 77q(a)(1), 77q(a)(2), and 77q(a)(3)], and in the offer and sale of securities, by the use of the means and instruments of transportation or communication in interstate commerce or by use of the mails, directly or indirectly, from:

- A. employing devices, schemes and artifices to defraud;
- B. obtaining money and property by means of untrue statements of material fact and by omitting to state material facts necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; or
- C. engaging in transactions, practices, and courses of business which operated or would operate as a fraud or deceit upon the purchasers of such securities.

**IV. ORDER PRELIMINARILY ENJOINING DEFENDANT FROM ENGAGING IN OFFERS OR SALES OF OIL AND GAS INVESTMENTS**

Defendant John Muratore, Defendant's officers, agents, servants, employees, attorneys, and all persons in active concert or participation with Defendant who receive actual notice of this Order by personal service or otherwise, are hereby restrained and enjoined from directly or indirectly, including, but not limited to, through any entity owned or controlled by Defendant, participating in the issuance, purchase, offer, or sale of any security related to the production, exploration, extraction, purchase or sale of oil or gas, provided, however, that such injunction shall not prevent Defendant from purchasing or selling securities listed on a national securities exchange for Defendant's own, personal accounts.

**SO ORDERED on this 10th day of December, 2021.**

  
Reed O'Connor  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE