1 2 4 5 6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 8 CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 9 WESTERN DIVISION 10 SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE Case No. 2:18-cv-05008-FMO-AFM 11 COMMISSION, [PROPOSED] ORDER GRANTING 12 Plaintiff, 13 PROCEDURES; AND (2) SETTING V. CLAIMS BAR DATE 14 RALPH T. IANNELLI and ESSEX CAPITAL CORP., Ctrm: 6D 15 Judge Hon. Fernando M. Olguin Defendants. 16 17 Before the Court is the Stipulation for Order: (1) Establishing Claims 18 19 Procedures; and (2) Setting Claims Bar Date (the "Stipulation") by and between 20 Geoff Winkler (the "Receiver"), the Court-appointed permanent receiver for Defendant Essex Capital Corporation and its subsidiaries and affiliates (collectively, 21 the "Receivership Entities" or "Entities"), and the Plaintiff Securities and Exchange 22 23 Commission. The Stipulation having been considered, and good cause appearing therefor, 24 25 this Court orders as follows: The Stipulation is granted, in its entirety; 26 A. 27 В. The proposed procedures set forth in the Stipulation are approved as 28 follows:

I. <u>INVESTOR CLAIMS.</u>

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The Receiver will send a letter (the "Claim Letter") to all known 1. investor and non-investor creditors of the Entities who appear to have suffered net losses from their investments in, or contributions to, the Entities (collectively, sometimes referred to herein as the "Net Losers") reflecting the Receiver's calculation of the Net Loser's claim for reimbursement (the "Claim") against the Receivership Entities, as reflected in the Receiver's records. This amount (the "Claim Amount") will be the result of the Receiver's money-in/money-out ("MIMO") calculations, and shall not include accrued interest, late fees, contract or other damages, attorneys' fees, or similar contingent, consequential, or unliquidated claims. The Claim Letter will further inform the Net Loser that, if he/she/it disputes the Receiver's calculated Claim Amount, the Net Loser must submit a completed Claim Form (as defined, below) to the Receiver, along with any documentation in support of the Net Loser's position and calculation of his/her/its Claim, by the Claims Bar Date (as defined below). Any prospective claimant, including a Net Loser, who does not return a completed Claim Form to the Receiver on or before the Claims Bar Date will be deemed to have accepted and agreed to the Receiver's valuation of his/her/its Claim, in the amount of the Claim Amount associated with that Claim.

II. <u>CLAIM FORM.</u>

2. The Receiver's Claim Letters will also include, as an attachment, a form (the "Claim Form") by which any prospective claimant, including any Net Loser, who disputes the Receiver's calculation of his/her/its Claim Amount may provide information to the Receiver regarding that dispute, including his/her/its valuation of his/her/its Claim, and any associated supporting documentation, as addressed further, below. A copy of the Claim Form will also be available on the Receiver's website for this matter, www.essex-receivership.com.

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3. Prospective claimants who do not receive a Claim Letter, either because the Receiver does not believe them to be Net Losers or otherwise, or who receive the Claim Letter but dispute the Receiver's calculation of their Claim Amount, shall be required to complete the Claim Form by providing specific information about the nature and amount of their prospective Claim. Further, such claimants will be required to submit adequate supporting documentation at the time their Claim Forms are returned to the Receiver, in order to evidence the validity and extent of each purported Claim.

III. SUBMISSION OF CLAIM FORM.

4. All prospective claimants, including Net Losers, shall be permitted to submit their Claim Forms to the Receiver by mail or email, on or before the Claims Bar Date. Prospective claimants submitting a Claim Form by email will receive an acknowledgement of receipt by email, and claimants submitting a Claim Form by mail can request a date-stamped copy acknowledging receipt.

IV. CLAIMS BAR DATE.

- 5. The Receiver shall notify all prospective claimants, by posting on his website, www.essex-receiversip.com, a notice of the deadline (the "Claims Bar Date") by which all prospective claimants, including Net Losers, who dispute the Receiver's valuation of their prospective Claims, including his calculation of their Claim Amounts, must return their completed Claim Forms, along with all available documentation supporting their valuation of their prospective Claims, to the Receiver. Any prospective claimant, including a Net Loser, who does not return a completed Claim Form to the Receiver on or before the Claims Bar Date will be deemed to have accepted and agreed to the Receiver's valuation of his/her/its Claim, in the amount of the Claim Amount associated with that Claim.
- 6. The Claims Bar Date shall be established as the date sixty (60) calendar days from the date of the Receiver's first publication of notice of the Claims Bar

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Date on his website, www.essex-receivership.com, following receipt of an order from this Court approving the Stipulation.

V. <u>ADDITIONAL NOTICE BY PUBLICATION.</u>

7. The Receiver will provide notice to all prospective claimants of the above-described claims process and the Claims Bar Date, by email (for all known investor and other Entity creditor email addresses) and by publishing a one-time notice in a publication of wide circulation in the geographic area of the Entities' principal place of business, Santa Barbara, California. Such notice shall include a referral to the Receiver's website, www.essex-receivership.com, where claims-related materials may be viewed and downloaded. The combination of email and published notice, in addition to posting on the Receiver's website, will result in adequate notice, without undue expenditure of limited Receivership Estate resources.

VI. DISPUTED CLAIMS REVIEW PROCEDURE.

- 8. Any prospective claimant, including a Net Loser, who does not return a completed Claim Form to the Receiver on or before the Claims Bar Date will be deemed to have accepted and agreed to the Receiver's valuation of his/her/its Claim, in the amount of the Claim Amount associated with that Claim.
- 9. For all other Claims, the Receiver will evaluate all Claim Forms and supporting documents received by the Claims Bar Date, and compare them against the records of the Receivership Entities, the results of his investigation and accounting, and other relevant materials, and make a determination regarding the recommended treatment of each Claim.
- 10. Claims will be evaluated on a strict MIMO basis, across the Receivership Entities as a whole. Accordingly, Claims will be determined based on each investor's (or creditor's) net investment in (or net monetary contribution to) the Receivership Entities, in the aggregate. The process will thus ensure that no

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investor or creditor receives an inequitable benefit as a consequence of the combinations of Entities in which their money was invested, or to which they made a monetary contribution. 11. In the event that the Receiver does not accept a particular claimant's asserted Claim or Claim Amount, the Receiver will provide written notice to the claimant of the objection and the Receiver's revised, proposed Claim Amount, if any. The Receiver will attempt to confer with the claimant in an effort to resolve the dispute. Differences that cannot be resolved directly between the Receiver and the claimant will be submitted to this Court for determination by motion, at such time as the Receiver makes his recommendations to this Court regarding the equitable treatment of Claims. Effective immediately upon the entry of this Order, the Receiver is authorized to commence his clams procedures, as set forth in the Stipulation. SO ORDERED. Dated: Hon. Fernando M. Olguin Judge, United States District Court

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PROOF OF SERVICE 1 Securities and Exchange Commission v. Ralph T. Iannelli and Essex Capital Corporation 2 USDC, Central District of California - Case No. 2:18-cv-05008-FMO-AFM 3 I am employed in the County of Los Angeles, State of California. I am over the age of 18 and not a party to the within action. My business address is 865 S. Figueroa Street, 4 Suite 2800, Los Angeles, California 90017-2543. 5 On April 20, 2020, I caused to be served on all the parties to this action addressed as stated on the attached service list the document entitled: [PROPOSED] ORDER 6 GRANTING STIPULATION FOR ORDER; (1) ESTABLISHING CLAIMS 7 PROCEDURES; AND (2) SETTING CLAIMS BAR DATE. 8 \times **OFFICE MAIL**: By placing in sealed envelope(s), which I placed for collection and mailing today following ordinary business practices. I am readily familiar with 9 the firm's practice for collection and processing of correspondence for mailing; such correspondence would be deposited with the U.S. Postal Service on the same day in 10 the ordinary course of business. 11 **OVERNIGHT DELIVERY**: I deposited in a box or other facility regularly 12 maintained by express service carrier, or delivered to a courier or driver authorized by said express service carrier to receive documents, a true copy of the foregoing 13 document(s) in sealed envelope(s) or package(s) designed by the express service carrier, addressed as indicated on the attached service list, with fees for overnight 14 delivery paid or provided for. 15 HAND DELIVERY: I caused to be hand delivered each such envelope to the 16 office of the addressee as stated on the attached service list. **ELECTRONIC MAIL**: By transmitting the document by electronic mail to the 17 electronic mail address as stated on the attached service list. 18 X **E-FILING**: By causing the document to be electronically filed via the Court's 19 CM/ECF system, which effects electronic service on counsel who are registered with the CM/ECF system. 20 **FAX**: By transmitting the document by facsimile transmission. The transmission 21 was reported as complete and without error. 22 I declare that I am employed in the office of a member of the Bar of this Court at whose direction the service was made. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of 23 the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on April 20, 24 2020 at Los Angeles, California. 25 /s/ Martha Diaz Martha Diaz 26 27 28

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