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Via Electronic Mail and ECF
Hon. Richard J. Sullivan
U.S. District Court for the
Southern District of New York
40 Foley Square
New York, NY 10007

Re: **SEC v. Straub, No. 11-Civ-9645-RJS**
Status report regarding settlement

Dear Judge Sullivan:

On behalf of the plaintiff Securities and Exchange Commission, I write to advise the Court that the Commission today voted to approve the proposed settlement with defendant Andras Balogh. The Commission had previously approved the proposed settlement with defendant Elek Straub.

The SEC has been advised by counsel for defendant Straub that the funds for Mr. Straub's proposed civil penalty have been placed in an escrow account under the control of the Hogan Lovells law firm. Counsel for defendant Balogh have advised that the funds for Mr. Balogh's civil penalty will be deposited with the Pillsbury Winthrop law firm on or about Wednesday, April 19. This date is one week later than defendant Balogh's earlier estimate of April 12.

Once defendant Balogh has completed his transfer of funds, the SEC will file both defendants' signed consents and proposed final judgments for the Court's approval. The SEC will update the Court promptly with any further developments.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert I. Dodge".

Robert I. Dodge

cc: counsel of record