# STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS SECURITIES DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF DETERMINING whether there has been a violation of the Securities Act of Washington by:

IMYERS CORPORATION (CRD No. 148149) and SETH MYERS (CRD No. 4390286),

Order Number S-17-2230-17-CO01

CONSENT ORDER AND ORDER VACATING SUMMARY ORDER S-17-2230-17-TO01

Respondents

THE STATE OF WASHINGTON TO:

Imyers Corporation, CRD No. 148149 Seth Myers, CRD No. 4390286

On June 22, 2017, the Securities Administrator of the state of Washington issued a Summary Order to Suspend Registrations and Notice of Intent to Enter an Order to Revoke Registrations, Impose a Fine, and Charge Costs order number S-17-2230-17-TO01 ("Summary Order"). The Securities Division and Respondents do hereby enter into this Consent Order in settlement of the matters alleged in the Summary

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### FINDINGS OF FACT

### Respondents

- 1. Imyers Corporation ("Imyers") is a Washington state registered investment adviser located in Camano Island, Washington. The firm Central Registration Depository ("CRD") number is 148149.
- 2. Seth Myers ("Myers") is registered as an investment adviser representative of Imyers and is the president of Imyers. His individual CRD number is 4390286.

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### Nature of the Conduct

- As an investment adviser registered with the Securities Division, Respondent Imyers must, 3. under WAC 460-24A-060, file with the Securities Division a fiscal year-end balance sheet within 120 days following the end of its fiscal year-end. The Securities Division reviews these balance sheets to determine whether the investment adviser met the minimum financial requirements as set forth in WAC 460-24A-170.
- 4. Imyers has a fiscal year-end of December 31. Respondent's 2016 year-end balance sheet was due by April 30, 2017.
- 5. As of March 31, 2017, Imyers had 41 clients. Imyers has discretion in those clients' accounts, which is the ability to determine which securities to purchase or sell on behalf of the client. The Securities Division was unable to verify whether Respondent was conducting its business lawfully without knowing whether Respondent was complying with the minimum financial requirements as set forth in WAC 460-24A-170.
- 6. Between November 1, 2016 and June 1, 2017, the Securities Division sent Respondents 6 emails reminding Respondents to file the year-end balance sheet. In addition, on June 5, 2017, the Securities Division telephoned Respondent Myers asking him to file the year-end balance sheet by June 9, 2017.
- 7. On June 22, 2017, when Respondents failed to file the balance sheet, the Securities Division issued the Summary Order suspending Respondents' licenses.
- 8. The Summary Order together with a Notice of Opportunity to Defend and Opportunity for Hearing and an Application for Adjudicative Hearing was served on Respondents.
- 9. After the Summary Order was served, the Respondents filed a 2016 year-end balance sheet attesting that Imyers was meeting its minimum financial requirement.

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#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- Respondent Imyers Corporation willfully violated WAC 460-24A-060 when it failed to file a 2016 year-end balance sheet by April 30, 2017.
- 2. The willful violation of WAC 460-24A-060 constitutes a ground for the entry of an order imposing a fine under RCW 21.20.110(4).
- 3. The willful violation of WAC 460-24A-060 constitutes a ground for the entry of an order charging costs under RCW 21.20.110(7).

### CONSENT ORDER

IT IS AGREED that the Summary Order to Suspend Registrations and Notice of Intent to Enter an Order to Revoke Registrations, Impose a Fine, and Charge Costs order number S-17-2230-17-TO01 is vacated.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that Respondent, Imyers Corporations' investment adviser license and Respondent Seth Myers' investment adviser representative license are reinstated as of the date of this Consent Order.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that Respondent, Imyers Corporation, shall pay a fine of \$1,000 and costs of \$200.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that the Securities Division has jurisdiction to enter this Consent Order.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that Respondents enter into this Consent Order freely and voluntarily and with full understanding of its terms and significance.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that in consideration of the foregoing, Respondents waived the right to an administrative hearing and judicial review of this matter.

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# **AUTHORITY AND PROCEDURE**

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2	This Order is entered pursuant to the provisions of chapter 21.20 RCW and is subject to the
3	provisions of RCW 21.20.120 and Chapter 34.05 RCW.
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6	SIGNED this 11th day of August, 2017.
7	By:
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9	Seth Myers (CRD No. 4390286) Individually and on behalf of
10	Imyers Corporation (CRD No. 148149)
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12	DATED AND ENTERED this <u>30th</u> day of August, 2017.
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17	Securities Administrator
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24	Securities Division

# STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS SECURITIES DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF DETERMINING registration under the Securities Act of Washington of:

IMYERS CORPORATION (CRD No. 148149) AND SETH MYERS (CRD No. 4390286).

Respondents.

Order Number S-17-2230-17-TO01

SUMMARY ORDER TO SUSPEND REGISTRATIONS AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO ENTER AN ORDER TO REVOKE REGISTRATIONS, IMPOSE A FINE, AND CHARGE COSTS

THE STATE OF WASHINGTON TO:

Imyers Corporation, CRD No. 148149 Seth Myers, CRD No. 4390286

# STATEMENT OF CHARGES

Please take notice that the Securities Administrator of the State of Washington has reason to believe that the Respondents, Imyers Corporation and Seth Myers, violated the Washington Securities Act. The Securities Administrator believes that those violations justifies the entry of an order by the Securities Division summarily suspending Imyers' investment adviser registration and Myers' investment adviser representative registration and giving notice of the intent to enter an order to revoke Imyers' investment adviser registration and Myers' investment adviser registration, impose a fine, and charge costs. The Securities Administrator finds that a delay in suspending Respondents' registration would be hazardous to the investors and to the public and that this Summary Order should be entered immediately. The Washington Securities Administrator finds as follows:

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## TENTATIVE FINDINGS OF FACT

# Respondents

- Imvers Corporation ("Imvers") is a Washington state registered investment adviser located 1. in Camano Island, Washington and San Antonio, Texas. The firm Central Registration Depository ("CRD") number is 148149.
- 2. Seth Myers ("Myers") is registered as an investment adviser representative of Imyers and is the president of Imyers. He is also registered as an investment adviser representative in Texas. His individual CRD number is 4390286.

# Nature of the Conduct

- 3. Each investment adviser registered with the Securities Division must make annual filings with the director after the investment adviser's fiscal year-end.
- 4. An investment adviser must, under WAC 460-24A-060, file with the Securities Division a fiscal year-end balance sheet within 120 days following the end of the investment adviser's fiscal yearend. The Securities Division reviews these balance sheets to determine whether the investment adviser met the minimum financial requirements as set forth in WAC 460-24A-170.
- 5. Imyers has a fiscal year-end of December 31. Respondent's 2016 year-end balance sheet was due by April 30, 2017.
- 6. Between November 1, 2016 and June 1, 2017, the Securities Division sent Respondents 6 emails reminding Respondents to file the year-end balance sheet. In addition, on June 5, 2017, the Securities Division telephoned Respondent Myers asking him to file the year-end balance sheet by June 9, 2017. As of the date of this order, Respondents have not submitted a 2016 year-end balance sheet.

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7. As of March 31, 2017, Respondents had 41 clients. Respondents have discretion in those clients' accounts, which is the ability to determine which securities to purchase or sell on behalf of the client. The Securities Division is unable to verify whether Respondents are conducting its business lawfully when it does not know whether Respondents are complying with the minimum financial requirements as set forth in WAC 460-24A-170.

Based upon the above Tentative Findings of Fact, the following Conclusions of Law are made:

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 1. As set forth in the Tentative Findings of Facts, Respondent Imyers Corporation has willfully violated WAC 460-24A-060 by failing to file a 2016 year-end balance sheet and there is a basis under RCW 21.20.110(1)(b) to suspend and revoke Imyers' Washington investment adviser application.
- 2. The willful violation of WAC 460-24A-060 constitutes a ground for the entry of an order imposing a fine under RCW 21.20.110(4).
- 3. The willful violation of WAC 460-24A-060 constitutes a ground for the entry of an order charging costs under RCW 21.20.110(7).
- 4. Respondent Myers, as the person who controls an investment adviser not in compliance with the Securities Act is responsible for its violations of WAC 460-24A-060, is subject to sanctions to the same extent as Imyers under RCW 21.20.110(6).

#### **EMERGENCY**

The Securities Division has been unable to conduct its annual review of Imyers' investment adviser business practices because Respondents have failed to make the required filings. Further, the Securities Division cannot determine whether Imyers meets the minimum financial requirements for investment advisers. Therefore, the Securities Administrator finds that an emergency exists, that the continued

violations of WAC 460-24A-060 constitutes a threat to the investing public and a summary order 1 suspending Imyers investment adviser registration and Myers investment adviser representative 2 registration is in the public interest and necessary of the protection of the investing public. 3 NOTICE OF INTENT TO REVOKE REGISTRATIONS 4 Pursuant to RCW 21.20.110(1), and based upon the above Tentative Findings of Fact and 5 Conclusions of Law, the Securities Administrator intends to order Imyers Corporation's investment adviser 6 registration and Seth Myers' investment adviser representative registration be revoked. 7 NOTICE OF INTENT TO IMPOSE FINES 8 9 Pursuant to RCW 21.20.110(4), and based upon the above Tentative Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Securities Administrator intends to order that Respondents shall be liable for and 10 shall pay a fine of at least \$1,000. 11 NOTICE OF INTENT TO CHARGE COSTS 12 Pursuant to RCW 21.20.110(7), and based upon the above Tentative Findings of Fact and 13 14 Conclusions of Law, the Securities Administrator intends to order that Respondents shall be liable for and shall pay costs of at least \$200. 15 **SUMMARY ORDER** 16 17 Based upon the foregoing and finding it in the public interest, NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY SUMMARILY ORDERED under the authority of RCW 18 21.20.110(1) and (3) that Imvers Corporation's investment adviser registration and Seth Myers' investment 19 20 adviser representative registration are suspended pending a final determination in this proceeding. 21

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# **AUTHORITY AND PROCEDURE**

This Statement of Charges is entered pursuant to the provisions of chapter 21.20 RCW and is subject to the provisions of chapter 21.20 RCW and 34.05 RCW. The Respondents may make a written request for a hearing as set forth in the NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO DEFEND AND OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING accompanying this Order. If a respondent does not request a hearing in the allowed time, the Securities Administrator intends to adopt the above Tentative Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law as final and enter an order revoking Imyers Corporation's investment adviser registration and Seth Myers' investment adviser representative registration and imposing the fines and charging the costs sought.

DATED and ENTERED this \_\_22nd\_\_\_ day of June, 2017.

WILLIAM M. BEATTY Securities Administrator

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