# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION,

Plaintiff.

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KINETIC INVESTMENT GROUP, LLC and MICHAEL SCOTT WILLIAMS,

CASE NO.: 8:20-cv-394-MSS-SPF

Defendants, and

KINETIC FUNDS I, LLC, KCL SERVICES, LLC d/b/a LENDACY, SCIPIO, LLC, LF42, LLC, EL MORRO FINANCIAL GROUP, LLC, and KIH, INC. f/k/a KINETIC INTERNATIONAL, LLC,

Relief Defendants.	
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# SIXTEENTH INTERIM OMNIBUS APPLICATION FOR ALLOWANCE AND PAYMENT OF PROFESSIONALS' FEES AND EXPENSES FOR OCTOBER 1, 2023 – DECEMBER 31, 2023<sup>1</sup>

Mark A. Kornfeld, Esq., in his capacity as court-appointed Receiver (the "Receiver") for Defendant, Kinetic Investment Group, LLC, and Relief Defendants, Kinetic Funds I, LLC, KCL Services, LLC d/b/a Lendacy, Scipio, LLC, LF 42, LLC, El Morro Financial Group, LLC, and KIH Inc., f/k/a Kinetic International, LLC (collectively, the "Receivership Defendants"), moves this Court for the entry of an order awarding fees and costs to the Receiver and his professionals whose retention has been approved by the Court. *See* Docs. 41-43, 47, 154, 207.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See Order Appointing Receiver (Doc. 34 at ₱ 54).

This motion covers all fees and costs incurred from **October 1, 2023**, through **December 31, 2023** (the "Reporting Period"). The Securities and Exchange Commission's (the "SEC" or the "Commission") Standardized Fund Accounting Report ("SFAR") for this period is attached hereto as **Exhibit 1**. The Commission does not oppose this Motion, and Defendant Williams does not take a position on the Motion. In support thereof, the Receiver states as follows:

## I. <u>Preliminary Statement</u><sup>2</sup>

The Receiver seeks Court approval to pay the sum of \$20,710.50 to the professionals engaged by the Receiver for fees incurred and reimbursement of 1,485.00 in expenses for a total payment of \$22,195.50. This Application includes time billed for the three-month period from October 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. The professionals who seek payment hereunder have made various accommodations given the public interest nature of this appointment, including providing a discount to their normally-charged rates, agreeing to seek payment of fees on a quarterly basis, and not seeking payment for any time incurred prior to the Receiver's appointment.

This is an extremely complex receivership involving the simultaneous operation of multiple sub-funds in a hedge fund structure, a purportedly independent-yet-intertwined and lending platform, and the use of investor funds to purchase real estate and fund the operation of no less than three companies in Puerto Rico.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Neither the Receiver nor his attorneys charged for the time spent preparing this motion.

# II. Executive Summary Activities for Reporting Period

# a. Prepared Third Interim Distribution to Claimant Investors

During the 2023 First Reporting Quarter, the Receiver received Court approval for his Motion to Approve Second Interim Distribution, in which the Receiver sought an Order approving a distribution of \$3,500,000.02 to the Investor Claimants. (Doc. 304). This distribution represented a recovery of \$10.6% of the Total Allowed Amounts of Investor Claims all of which was paid to investor claimants in the 2023 First Reporting Quarter.

In this Reporting Period, the Receiver has evaluated the needs of the Receivership in determining the amount for a Third Distribution. Specifically, the Receiver worked with his CPA Professionals to prepare the necessary exhibits for a Third Interim Distribution, which has provided \$1.4M to the claimant investors once approved by the Court. <sup>3</sup> The Third Interim Distribution is unopposed and as of the date of this filing is *sub judice*. Due to continued work related to the tax considerations of the Receivership Estate, the Receiver determined that \$1.39M is the appropriate distribution for this time-period. (Doc. 313).

After the checks are cashed for the Third Distribution, the Receiver will have returned a total amount of \$18,116,050.90 to claimants in this Receivership.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Due to rounding on individual claimant investor distribution amounts, the total Third Interim Distribution totaled \$1,399,999.97.

# b. Attention to Tax Matters Associated with Sales of Real Property from the Receivership Estate

Due to the Receiver's efforts and those of the professionals supporting him during prior Reporting Periods, the sale of real property in the Receivership Estate occurred as planned—bringing in substantial funds in excess of seven figures to the Receivership Estate. Substantial work was expended during the Reporting Period to assist the Receiver's professionals in finalizing a myriad of complicated Post-Closing legal, financial, and tax issues, including (but not limited to also) communicating regularly with the Purchaser on all aspects of "Villa Gabriela," representing the following real property:

- Condominium Villa Gabriela, Apartment PH1-A/PH 1-B located at 109 De la Cruz Street, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00901;
- Condominium Villa Gabriella, Apartment 2-E located at 109 De la Cruz Street, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00901;
- Parking Space #321 located at Cochera San Francisco, Luna Street #204, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00901; and
- Parking Space #325 located at Cochera San Francisco, Luna Street #204, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00901.

Virtually all of the Receivership assets have been monetized as of the date of this application. Accordingly, the Receiver and his professionals expended time and necessary resources to fully analyze the state of the Receivership's tax and related obligations in connection to the funds brought into the Receivership Estate from the sale of real property. This analysis included coordinating with a number of tax

professionals and consultants to ensure that any capital gains of the Receivership were recognized and reported for both Puerto Rico and U.S. IRS tax returns.

As part of his appointment, the Receiver was charged with monetizing any and all real property, including such property located outside the continental U.S. The location of this real property in San Juan, Puerto Rico yielded some tax challenges requiring attention by the Receiver. Specifically, some of the real property at issue was held by Receivership Relief Defendant Scipio, LLC. Prior to the appointment of the Receiver, Scipio, LLC, had apparently not filed taxes for 2019 but still held title to this real property that was later sold by the Receivership. The Receiver therefore was required to address tax issues related to the sale of this property and this unique entity. To necessarily address and resolve these matters, the Receiver worked with local counsel and CPAs in Puerto Rico, who were experts with the tax code and compliance requirements of Puerto Rico law, as to the realization and approach to capital gains for the sale of real property.

The Receiver worked diligently with his professionals, both in Florida and Puerto Rico, to ensure among other things that all tax matters are addressed prior to the wind-down of the Receivership, which the Receiver reasonably anticipates will occur in the first part of calendar year 2024. At present, the Receiver continues to work with his tax professionals to ensure that all tax obligations are met both in the U.S. and in Puerto Rico.

# c. Assessed Tax Considerations Regarding Zephyr Aerospace Investment

In March of 2019, Kinetic International made an investment totaling \$500,000.00 in an early-stage airline seat startup known as Zephyr Aerospace ("Zephyr"). The investment into Zephyr was beyond the disclosed and stated scope of the use of investors proceeds, (e.g. that there was no "dividend strategy" associated with this investment). The stated business purpose of Zephyr at the time was to "revolutionize" the way individuals select airline seats on commercial airlines. This \$500,000.00 investment was clearly and directly traceable to investor funds. Understanding that the Zephyr investment is now a loss, the Receiver has worked with his tax professionals to analyze how the investment can be treated for tax purposes. The Receiver will continue to take any measures as are required associated with lost value of the investment.

# d. Continued Work to Bring in Funds to the Receivership Estate

After the Court granted his Unopposed Motion to Approve Procedure to Pursue Potential Third-Party Claims, the Receiver and his professionals continued evaluating those potential claims pursuant to the procedures approved by the Court. In May 2021, the Receiver and his professionals sent demand letters to various individuals seeking the return of funds the Receiver believes are rightfully owing to the Receivership Entities. For several of those claims, the Receiver reached an agreement to recover the full amount sought.

Receiver continues his efforts to obtain funds from these individuals through individualized payments plans including handling any issues that occur with the individualized plans.

#### e. Attended to Litigation Matters

The Receiver continues to monitor the Court's docket given that the Commission's claims against Mr. Williams remain pending.

#### f. Continued Investor Outreach and Website Updates

The Receiver responded to phone calls and written communications from Kinetic Funds investors and continued to provide updates and announcements on the informational website at <a href="www.kineticreceivership.com">www.kineticreceivership.com</a> for investors and other interested parties.

## g. Managed Receiver's Cash Accounts Held at ServisFirst Bank

Receivership funds are currently being held at ServisFirst Bank. As of the date of this Report, the Receiver has (i) secured, frozen, marshaled, and liquidated assets for the benefit of victim that resulted in the deposit of approximately \$20 million in the Receiver's fiduciary bank accounts during the Receiver's appointment; (ii) secured significant real property assets and completed the process of marketing and liquidating those assets which resulted in additional (seven figures) proceeds deposited to the Receivership Estate; (iii) made an initial distribution of \$13.2 million to Investor Claimants with approved claims; and (iv) made a second distribution of \$3.5 million to Investor Claimants with approved claims.

The over **\$20 million** recovered for the benefit of victims is the result of the following actions:

- March 6, 2020: Froze approximately **\$7.6 million** in Receivership bank accounts located at BMO Harris Bank;
- March 20, 2020: Liquidated securities located in Kinetic Funds sub-accounts at Interactive Brokers. After satisfying the account margin obligations, approximately **\$5.5 million** was transferred to the Receiver's bank accounts on January 7, 2021;
- June 25, 2020: Liquidated gold coins held by Kinetic Funds for total proceeds of \$223,877.75 which were deposited into the Receiver's bank accounts;
- November 10, 2020: Received nearly \$3.5 million from two Kinetic Funds investors as part of a settlement that ultimately offset roughly \$8 million of the approximately \$12 million in margin obligations in Kinetic Funds' Interactive Brokers' sub-accounts;
- May 11, 2021: Received approximately **\$4.0 million** in net sales proceeds from the sale of the commercial building property located at 152 Tetuan Street, San Jan, Puerto Rico 00901;
- Through September 30, 2021, the Receiver and his retained legal, accounting, tax, and technology professionals have been paid approximately \$1,250,000 in fees and expenses for their services; and
- January 13, 2023: Received a net recovery—after payment of commissions and other standard closing costs—of \$1,606,053.00 for the sale of the Villa Gabriela property and associated parking spaces. (Docs. 301 and 303).

#### h. The Sixteenth Interim Report

The Receiver prepared and filed the Sixteenth Interim Report October 24, 2023 (Doc. 318), which provided a comprehensive summary, analysis, and supporting documentation of the Receiver's continuing investigation as well as the tracing of investor funds. The above activities are also discussed in more detail in the Receiver's Fourteenth Interim Report which was filed contemporaneously on January 26, 2024 (Doc. 322) (the "Sixteenth Report"), as well as the Receiver's previously-filed Interim Reports all of which are publicly available on the Receiver's website at <a href="https://www.kineticreceivership.com">www.kineticreceivership.com</a>. The Receiver incorporates the Sixteenth Interim Report into this Application and attaches a true and correct copy of the Sixteenth Interim Report as **Exhibit 2** for the Court's convenience.

#### III. Background

On February 20, 2020, the Commission filed a complaint (Doc. 1) (the "Complaint") in the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida (the "Court") against the Defendants Kinetic Investment Group, LLC and Michael S. Williams and Relief Defendants Kinetic Funds I, LLC, KCL Services, LLC d/b/a Lendacy, Scipio, LLC, LF 42, LLC, El Morro Financial Group, LLC, and KIH Inc., f/k/a Kinetic International, LLC, alleging that the Defendants violated the Securities Act of 1933, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 by making false or materially misleading representations to investors and that

over \$6 million of investor funds was misappropriated to fund other business ventures and pay for other unauthorized expenses. (Doc. 1).<sup>4</sup>

According to the Complaint, the scheme involved securities offerings made on behalf of Relief Defendant Kinetic Funds, a purported hedge fund with a sub-fund structure managed by Defendants Kinetic Investment Group, LLC ("Kinetic Investment") and Williams. Defendants represented to investors that the largest subfund, Kinetic Funds Yield ("KFYield"), invested all of its assets in income-producing U.S. listed financial products hedged by listed options. *Id.* ¶ 2. Potential investors were told that KFYield was a liquid investment that would "maintain 90% principle [sic] protection" and that an investor could redeem their principal investment "100%...without penalties" with a 30-day written notice. *Id.* ¶¶ 2, 28.

Investors in the KFYield fund, which attracted the near-entirety of investor funds, were also often provided with documentation from Bloomberg's reporting service containing claims about KFYield's performance including that the fund had achieved positive annual returns every year since inception. Many, but not all, KFYield investors were also attracted to the investment opportunity given the advertised ability to simultaneously obtain a low-interest loan at the time of their investment from Relief Defendant KCL Services d/b/a Lendacy ("Lendacy") based on the amount of their KFYield investment. Investors understood that Lendacy utilized its own private funding source to make the low-interest loans.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> On April 27, 2020, Williams served his Answer and Affirmative Defenses largely denying the Commission's allegations (Doc. 56).

On March 6, 2020, the Court granted the Commission's Motion for Appointment of Receiver and entered an Order appointing Mark A. Kornfeld as the Receiver over Defendant Kinetic Investment Group, LLC and the Relief Defendants ("Order Appointing Receiver"). (Doc. 34). The Receiver's preliminary investigation has uncovered evidence supporting the Commission's allegations that Defendants made a number of misrepresentations relating to the promised and actual use of investor funds and the performance of the Kinetic Funds portfolios. The Receiver's preliminary forensic accounting also shows that at least \$6 million of investor funds were either misappropriated or otherwise diverted to other projects and expenses unrelated to the Kinetic Funds investment opportunity.

A mediation was held on August 28, 2020, but resulted in an impasse. (Doc. 132). Both the Commission and Mr. Williams have filed motions for summary judgment which remain *sub judice*. On July 21, 2021, the Court granted the Commission's request to postpone the trial pending resolution of the pending case-dispositive motions. (Doc. 257).

#### IV. Professional Services

Pursuant to the Order Appointing Receiver, the Receiver obtained approval to engage various Retained Personnel to assist him in carrying out his duties and responsibilities in the Order Appointing Receiver. The Order Appointing Receiver further set forth the frequency and procedures pursuant to which the Receiver was to seek compensation and expense reimbursement for the Receiver and his Retained

Professionals. (Doc. 34 ¶¶ 53-54). In accordance with the Commission's Billing Instructions, the Receiver states as follows:

- (a) Time period covered by the Application: October 1, 2023 December 31, 2023.
- (b) Date of Receiver's appointment: March 6, 2020.
- (c) Date services commenced: February 14, 2020.<sup>5</sup>
- (d) Names and rates of all professionals: See Exs. 5-6.
- (e) **Interim or Final Application:** Interim.
- (f) Records supporting fee application: See below.

The following exhibits are provided in accordance with the Billing Instructions:

**Exhibit 3:** Receiver's Certification

**Exhibit 4:** Total compensation and expenses requested; any amounts

previously requested; and total compensation and expenses

previously awarded

**Exhibit 5:** Fee Schedule: Names and Hourly Rates of Professionals

and Paraprofessionals & Total Amount Billed for each

Professional and Paraprofessional:

Exhibit 5(a): Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney PC

**Exhibit 5(b):** K-Tek Systems, Inc.

**Exhibit 5(c):** E-Hounds

**Exhibit 5(d):** PDR CPAs + Advisors

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> As further described in the Receiver's First Omnibus Fee Application, the Receiver and his professionals began undertaking efforts in the weeks prior to his appointment to prepare for the possibility of the Order Appointing Receiver being entered at or following the hearing on March 6, 2020, but neither the Receiver nor his Professionals sought reimbursement of those fees or expenses.

**Exhibit 6**: The Professionals' time records for the time period covered

by this Application, sorted in chronological order, including a summary and breakdown of the requested reimbursement

of expenses:

**Exhibit 6(a)**: Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney PC

**Exhibit 6(b):** K-Tek Systems, Inc.

**Exhibit 6(c):** E-Hounds

Exhibit 6(d): PDR CPAs + Advisors

**Exhibit 6(e):** Valdes, Garcia, Marin, & Martinez

Exhibit 6(f): Goldman Antonetti & Cordova, LLC

#### V. <u>Case Status</u>

# (a) Cash on hand

As of the date of this Application, the Receivership bank accounts have a cumulative balance of \$2,792,155.15.6

# (b) Summary of the administration of the case

Since his appointment on March 6, 2020, the Receiver has administered the case with the objective of efficiently fulfilling his duties under the Order Appointing Receiver while doing so as cost-effectively as possible by, wherever available, leveraging the use of professionals with favorable rate structures.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> This balance includes approximately \$179,619.24 in funds previously held in Mr. Williams' prior counsel's trust account and which were subsequently transferred to the Receiver's fiduciary accounts to be held in trust pending further Order from the Court. In the interim, the Court has authorized the payment of various living and legal expenses to or for Mr. Williams' benefit.

During this reporting period, the Receiver has focused on (i) continuing his investigation of the underlying business operations of the various Receivership Entities, (ii) enhancing and preserving the value of Receivership assets, including exploring potential third-party claims and serving demand letters on third parties, (iii) investigating potential avenues to recover additional assets, and (iv) continuing to implement a Court-approved claims process that included making a First, Second, and soon Third Interim Distribution to Investor Claimants. The Receiver hopes to be able to wind-down and/or fully close the Estate during 2024.

## (c) Summary of creditor claims proceedings

The Receiver, along with his Retained Professionals, undertook significant efforts to understand the relationship between the Receivership Entities and current and former investors in order to determine the most equitable framework for a Court-approved claims process to return investor funds. Complicating this analysis was the fact that many of the current and former investors in Kinetic Funds also obtained a loan (or loans) from Receivership Entity Lendacy, which required the Receiver and his forensic professionals to conduct a full forensic analysis of the flow of funds between investors and all Receivership Entities over a seven-year period based on available financial records.

Following the Court's approval of the Receiver's Amended Motion to Establish and Approve (i) Procedure to Administer and Determine Claims; (ii) Proof of Claim Form; and (iii) Claims Bar Date and Notice Procedures (Doc. 155), the Receiver mailed out over 100 proof of claim packets to potential claimants and

reditors on November 17, 2020, published notification of the claim bar date of **February 15, 2021** in specified newspapers and his website, and filed his Notice of Publication and Claim Bar Date. (Doc. 165). The Receiver ultimately received 37 proof of claim packets.

On June 18, 2021, the Receiver filed his Claims Approval Motion in which he requested the Court's approval of his determinations of the approval and priority of the submitted claims as well as a plan for distribution. The Court entered an Order granting the Claims Approval Motion on July 21, 2021. (Doc. 256). After the passage of time to implement the Objection Procedure, the Receiver filed his Unopposed Motion to Approve First Interim Distribution (the "Distribution Motion") on September 3, 2021 in which he requested Court approval to make an initial interim distribution to eligible Investor Claimants consisting of 40% of each Investor Claimant's approved claim. (Doc. 263). On October 29, 2021, the Court entered an Order granting the Distribution Motion, and the Receiver mailed out the approved distribution checks within the 10-day period following the Court's Order.

On September 15, 2022, the Receiver filed his Unopposed Motion to Approve Second Interim Distribution, in which the Receiver requested approval to distribute \$3,500,000.02 as set forth in Exhibit A to the Motion. On January 20, 2023, the Receiver received Court approval for his Unopposed Motion to Approve Second Interim Distribution. (Doc. 304). All distribution checks related to the Second Interim Distribution have been received and cashed by the Claimants. The Receiver prepared his Motion to Approve a Third Interim Distribution. (Doc. 313). At this

stage, the Receiver does not believe that sufficient funds exist to satisfy all anticipated investor claims in full.

#### (d) Description of assets

In addition to the descriptions provided herein, for detailed information about the assets of the receivership estate, including the anticipated or proposed disposition of the assets, the Receiver respectfully refers the Court and interested parties to the Sixteenth Interim Report, attached hereto as **Exhibit 2**.

# VI. Services Provided and Compensation Sought by the Professionals

# (a) Services provided by Receiver and Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney PC

The Receiver is a Shareholder at the law firm of Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney PC ("Buchanan Ingersoll"). The Receiver has practiced law for nearly thirty years and has experience handling fraud recovery cases. The Receiver initially obtained Court approval to retain the services of Quarles & Brady, LLP ("Quarles & Brady") to serve as his legal counsel. As an accommodation to the Receiver and the public interest nature of this matter, Quarles & Brady agreed to reduce the billing rate of its professionals for this case as provided in the Fee Schedule attached hereto as **Exhibit 5(a)** which was, on average, more than 20% (and in some instances, closer to 30%) less than the customary rate charged to clients. To date, those discounts resulted in a total reduction of well over \$100,000 from the rates customarily charged by Quarles & Brady attorneys to clients.

As of December 14, 2020, the Receiver and his counsel became associated with Buchanan Ingersoll. The Court approved the retention of Buchanan Ingersoll on December 9, 2020 (Doc. 159), including Buchanan Ingersoll's agreement to continue the reduced existing billing rate of the Receiver and his professionals. To date, these discounts have also resulted in a total reduction of well over \$100,000 from the rates customarily charged by Buchanan Ingersoll attorneys to clients.

The 2023 standard hourly rate which the Receiver charges other clients is \$835. The Receiver agreed that for purposes of his appointment as the Receiver, his hourly rate would be reduced and remain fixed year over year to \$437.50 per hour, representing approximately a thirty percent (30%) discount from his 2020 standard rate—and almost a 50% discount off his 2023 standard rate. This initial rate was set forth in the Commission's Motion to Appoint Receiver, which the Court granted on March 6, 2020. (Doc. 34). During the time covered by this motion, the Receiver provided 17.5 hours in legal services on this Receivership but only seeks compensation for 13.5 of those hours for a total of \$5,906.25 in legal services and \$0 in expenses. The statement summarizing the services rendered by the Receiver is attached as Exhibit 6(a).

During the period covered by this Application, other Buchanan Ingersoll professionals spent 36.3 hours assisting the Receiver in fulfilling his duties under the Order Appointing Receiver, but only seeks compensation for 18 of those hours. Buchanan Ingersoll seeks compensation for professional services in the amount of \$4,860.00. The statement summarizing the services rendered by Buchanan Ingersoll

Buchanan Ingersoll has been focused on many different tasks including (without limitation) investigating the alleged fraud and related activities underlying this matter; locating, taking control and monetizing of Receivership assets; investigating and pursuing additional assets for the Receivership; coordinating the framework and procedures for a Court-approved claims process as detailed in the Interim Report, and overseeing all legal and administrative issues for distributing millions to claimants. For the period from October 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023, the Receiver requests that the Court award the Receiver and Buchanan Ingersoll fees for professional services rendered in the amount of \$10,766.25.

These services were incurred in connection with the administration of the Receivership and are for the benefit of aggrieved investors, creditors, and other interested parties of the Receivership Entities. All of the services for which compensation is sought were rendered on behalf of the Receivership Entities and in furtherance of the duties of the Receiver, and in discharge of the Receiver's responsibilities under the Order Appointing Receiver.

# (b) Services provided by K-Tek Systems, Inc.

The Receiver obtained Court approval to retain the services of K.Tek Systems, Inc. ("K.Tek") to prepare a website to be used to communicate with interested parties including investors. Doc. 47. The Court previously approved the payment of K.Tek's invoices for the hosting of the Receiver website during the time period of April 1, 2022 to April 1, 2023. The Receive now requests compensation for \$780.00 for the

annual hosting charge for the time period of April 1, 2023 to April 1, 2024, which is referenced in the invoice attached as **Exhibit 6(b)**. The Receiver requests that the Court award K.Tek fees for professional services rendered incurred during the time period of April 1, 2022 to April 1, 2023, in the amount of **\$780.00**.

## (c) Services provided by E-Hounds, Inc.

The Receiver obtained Court approval to retain the services of E-Hounds, Inc. ("E-Hounds") to assist with managing and facilitating access to data imaged from electronic devices and hardware belonging to the Receivership Entities. As set forth in the Receiver's Motion to Retain Information Technology Professionals) (the "IT Motion") (Doc. 38), E- Hounds principal Adam Sharp has extensive experience in this field and also with assisting court-appointed receivers including in matters brought by the SEC. As an accommodation to the Receiver, E-Hounds agreed not to charge an up-front retainer and provided preferred hourly rates ranging from \$195 to \$250 for customary forensic imaging tasks.<sup>7</sup> The Receiver has leveraged E-Hounds' lower rate structure to identify and preserve electronic data obtained from Receivership Entities' computer servers, electronic devices and paper files located at the Sarasota office and utilize the firm's review platform as a central review platform on a flat-fee structure with no additional servicing or storage fees. The Court granted the Receiver's Motion to retain E-Hounds on March 6, 2020. (Doc. 42).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> E-Hounds' fee proposal, which was included in the Receiver's IT Motion, also included additional fees and services for non-customary tasks including expert witness and "triage reporting" services. (Doc. 38 Ex. 2).

The extent of services provided by E-Hounds to the Receiver during this Reporting Period has primarily consisted of updating and maintaining the document review platform and, where necessary, performing one-off forensic imaging tasks. The Receiver anticipates that this will remain the primary services provided by E-Hounds for the foreseeable future. During the period covered by this Application, E-Hounds seeks reimbursement of expenses in the sum of \$1,485.00. A copy of the statement summarizing the services rendered by E-Hounds is attached hereto as Exhibit 6(c). The Receiver requests that the Court award E-Hounds fees for costs incurred from October 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023, in the amount of \$1,485.00.

## (d) Services provided by PDR CPAs + Advisors

The Receiver obtained Court approval to retain the services of PDR CPAs + Advisors ("PDR") to handle tax-related issues for the Receivership Entities. (Doc. 47). This includes the preparation of any required tax-related documents as well as analyzing previous tax documents to assist the Receiver in performing his duties. PDR's principal, Bill Price, routinely provides tax and accounting services in receivership matters. During the period covered by this Application, PDR billed 7 hours in assisting the Receiver in fulfilling his duties under the Order Appointing Receiver. Additionally, Puerto Rican firms Goldman Antonetti & Cordov ("Goldman") and Valdes, Garcia, Marin, & Martinez ("Valdes"), who operate as affiliates of PDR, are listed as costs on the PDR invoices and discussed in further detail below in Section (e) and Section (f) below. Goldman incurred fees of \$5,928.00

and Valdes incurred service fees of \$1,875.00, which are included in the aggregative amount of PDR listed. For these services, the Receiver seeks professional fees and expenses in the total, aggregate sum of \$9,164.25 as set forth in the invoices attached as **Exhibit 6(d)**. The Receiver requests that the Court award PDR fees for professional services rendered from October 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023, in the amount of \$9,164.25.

#### (e) Services provided by Valdes, Garcia, Marin, & Martinez

The Receiver has filed to obtain Court approval for the services rendered and to formally retain the services of Valdes, Garcia, Marin, & Martinez ("Valdes") in the Receiver's Motion for Authorization to Employ and Approve Work of Puerto Rican Tax Professionals (Doc 323). Due to tax issues arising under local Puerto Rican law, the Receiver and his team sought guidance from the Receiver's retained CPA, William Price of PDR, regarding the appropriate path to handle Puerto Rican tax compliance requirements, the filing of Puerto Rican returns, and the handling of Puerto Rican corporate entities. Mr. Price advised the Receiver that local Puerto Rican professional guidance was necessary to ensure that all returns were completed timely and that capital gains for previously sold Puerto Rican real property were properly reported. Mr. Price's firm had affiliate status with two firms in Puerto Rico who could assist the Receivership in complying with Puerto Rican law.

The Receiver, due to the time sensitivity of obtaining this advice and complying with local Puerto Rican tax requirements in the final stages of this Receivership,

moved forward with working with Valdes incurring fees of \$5,928.00. See Invoice attached as Exhibit 6(e). Due to Valdes' affiliate status with already-retained professionals PDR, Valdes's invoice amount is listed on PDR's invoices in addition to the invoice being provided in full detail in Exhibit 6(e). Valdes has extensive experience in providing tax services, specifically related to real property assets held in Puerto Rico. Valdes has successful assisted the Receivership in communicating and making payments to the Puerto Rican Treasury Department due to real property sold in Puerto Rico. While the Receiver anticipates limited assistance moving forward from Valdes, the Receiver requests that the Court approve and award the \$5,928.00 for professional services rendered, which is encompassed in the PDR invoices from October 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

## (f) Services provided by Goldman Antonetti & Cordova, LLC

The Receiver has filed to obtain Court approval for the services rendered and to formally retain the services of Goldman Antonetti & Cordova, LLC ("Goldman") in the Receiver's Motion for Authorization to Employ and Approve Work of Puerto Rican Tax Professionals (Doc 323). Specifically, the Receivership engaged Goldman to address corporate and tax issues involving Puerto Rican entity Scipio, LLC. Goldman assisted the Receiver and PDR in filing Income Tac Returns for Scipio, LLC for 2022.

The Receiver, due to the time sensitivity of filing the tax returns, moved forward with working with Goldman, incurring fees of \$1,875. See Invoice attached as Exhibit

6(f). Due to Goldman's affiliate status with already-retained professionals PDR, Goldman is listed on PDR's invoices in addition to the invoice being provided in full detail as Exhibit 6(f) to this Application. While the Receiver anticipates limited assistance moving forward from Goldman, the Receiver requests that the Court approve and award the \$1,875.00 for professional services rendered, which is encompassed in the PDR invoices from October 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

#### MEMORANDUM OF LAW

A receiver appointed by a court who reasonably and diligently discharges his duties is entitled to be fairly compensated for services rendered and expenses incurred. *See SEC v. Elliott*, 953 F.2d 1560 (11th Cir. 1992) ("[I]f a receiver reasonably and diligently discharges his duties, he is entitled to compensation."); *Donovan v. Robbins*, 588 F. Supp. 1268, 1272 (N.D. Ill. 1984) ("[T]he receiver diligently and successfully discharged the responsibilities placed upon him by the Court and is entitled to reasonable compensation for his efforts."); *SEC v. Custable*, 1995 WL 117935 (N.D. Ill. Mar. 15, 1995) (receiver is entitled to fees where work was of high quality and fees were reasonable); *SEC v. Mobley*, 2000 WL 1702024 (S.D.N.Y. Nov. 13, 2000) (court awarded reasonable fees for the receiver and his professionals). In determining reasonable compensation for the services rendered by the Receiver and his Professionals, the Court should consider the circumstances surrounding the receivership. *See Elliot*, 953 F.2d at 1577.

In addition to fees, the receiver is "also entitled to be reimbursed for the actual and necessary expenses" that the receiver "incurred in the performance of [its] duties." *Fed. Trade Comm'n v. Direct Benefits Grp., LLC*, 2013 WL 6408379, at \*3 (M.D. Fla. 2013). The Receiver and his Professionals support their claims for reimbursement of expenses with "sufficient information for the Court to determine that the expenses are actual and necessary costs of preserving the estate." *SEC v. Kirkland*, 2007 WL 470417, at \*2 (M.D. Fla. 2007) (citing *In re Se. Banking Corp.*, 314 B.R. 250, 271 (Bankr. S.D. Fla. 2004)).

Here, because of the nature of this case, it was necessary for the Receiver to employ attorneys, accountants, and professionals experienced and familiar with financial frauds, federal receiverships, securities laws, banking, finance, and trusts and estates. Further, in order to perform the services required and achieve the results obtained to date, the skills and experience of the Receiver and the Professionals in the areas of fraud, securities, computer and accounting forensics, and financial transactions were indispensable.

The Receiver and his legal, forensic, and information technology professionals have each discounted their normal and customary rates as an accommodation to the Receivership and to conserve Receivership assets. The rates charged by the attorneys and paralegals are at or below those charged by attorneys and paralegals of comparable skill from other law firms in the Middle District of Florida. This case has been time-intensive for the Receiver and his Professionals because of the need to resolve many issues rapidly and efficiently. The attached Exhibits detail the time,

nature and extent of the professional services rendered by the Receiver and his Professionals for the benefit of investors, creditors, and other interested parties. The Receiver anticipates that additional funds will be obtained through the Receiver's negotiations or litigation with third parties.

The Receiver is sensitive to the need to conserve the Receivership Entities' assets and respectfully submits that the fees and costs expended to date were reasonable, necessary, and benefited the Receivership. Notably, the Commission has no objection to the relief sought in this motion. *Custable*, 1995 WL 117395, \*7 ("In securities law receiverships, the position of the SEC in regard to the awarding of fees will be given great weight.")

#### **CONCLUSION**

Under the terms and conditions of the Order Appointing Receiver, the Receiver, among other things, is authorized, empowered, and directed to engage professionals to assist him in carrying out his duties and obligations. The Order further provides that he apply to the Court for authority to pay himself and his Professionals for services rendered and costs incurred. In exercising his duties, the Receiver has determined that the services rendered and their attendant fees and costs were reasonable, necessary, advisable, and in the best interest of the Receivership.

WHEREFORE, Mark A. Kornfeld, the Court-appointed Receiver, respectfully requests that this Court award the following sums and direct that payment be made from the Receivership assets:

TOTAL:	\$22,195,50
PDR CPAs + Advisors	\$ 9,164.25
E-Hounds	\$ 1,485.00
K-Tek Systems, Inc.	\$ 780.00
Mark A. Kornfeld, Esq. and Buchanan Ingersoll	\$10,766.25

A proposed Order is attached as **Exhibit 7**.

**WHEREFORE**, the Receiver seeks entry of an Order granting this motion and awarding the Receiver and his professionals their interim fees, reimbursement of costs, and for such other relief that is just and proper.

# **LOCAL RULE 3.01(g) CERTIFICATION**

Pursuant to Local Rule 3.01(g), the Receiver hereby certifies that he has conferred with counsel for Plaintiff, Securities and Exchange Commission, which does not oppose the requested relief. The Receiver has also conferred with counsel for Defendant Michael S. Williams, who takes no position on the requested relief.

Respectfully submitted,

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on February 16, 2024, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court by using the CM/ECF system which will send a Notice of Electronic Filing to the following counsel of record:

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# EXHIBIT "1"

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#### REPORT OF STANDARDIZED FUND ACCOUNTING REPORT

Mark A. Kornfeld, As Receiver for Kinetic Investment Group, LLC et al. Tampa, FL

We have compiled the standardized fund accounting report for the period October 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023 and from inception March 6, 2020 to December 31, 2023, included in the accompanying prescribed form (Civil Court Docket No. 8:20-cv-00394-WFJ-SPF). We have not audited or reviewed the accompanying standardized fund accounting report and accordingly, do not express an opinion or any assurance about whether the standardized fund accounting report is in accordance with the form prescribed by the Civil Court Docket No. 8:20-cv-00394-WFJ-SPF).

Mark A. Kornfeld, As Receiver for Kinetic Investment Group, LLC et al, is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the standardized fund account report in accordance with requirements prescribed by the Civil Court Docket No 8:20-cv-00394-WFJ-SPF, and for designing, implementing, and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the standardized fund accounting report.

Our responsibility is to conduct the compilation in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The objective of a compilation is to assist Mark A. Kornfeld, As Receiver for Kinetic Investment Group, LLC et al, in presenting financial information in the form of a standardized fund accounting report without undertaking to obtain or provide any assurance that there are no material modifications that should be made to the standardized fund accounting report.

This standardized fund accounting report is presented in accordance with the requirements of the Civil Court Docket No. 8:20-cv-00394-WFJ-SPF, which differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Civil Court Docket No 8:20-cv-00394-WFJ-SPF and is not intended and should not be used by anyone other than this specified party.

> Oldsmar, Florida January 19, 2023

# **Standardized Fund Accounting Report for**

# Mark A. Kornfeld as Receiver for Kinetic Investment Group, LLC et al. - Cash Basis Receivership; Civil Court Docket No. 8:20-cv-00394-WFJ-SPF Reporting Period 10/01/2023 - 12/31/2023

FUND A	CCOUNTING (See Instructions):	Detail	Subtotal	Grand Total
	Beginning Balance (As of 10/01/2023):			\$ 4,131,137.30
21110 1	Increases in Fund Balance:			,,101,107.00
Line 2	Business Income			
	Cash and Securities**	23,711.54		
	Interest/Dividend Income	24,642.14		
		24,042.14		
	Business Asset Liquidation			
	Personal Asset Liquidation			
	Third-Party Litigation Income			
Line 8	Miscellaneous - Other		40.050.60	4.450.400.00
	Total Funds Available (Line 1 - 8):		48,353.68	4,179,490.98
	Decreases in Fund Balance:			
Line 9	Disbursements to Claimants			
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	Disbursements for Receivership Operations	40.004.77		
	Disbursements to Receiver or Other Professionals	48,831.75		
	Business Asset Expenses	25.00		
	Personal Asset Expenses	8,829.36		
Line 10d	Investment Expenses			
Line 10e	Third-Party Litigation Expenses			
	1. Attorney Fees			
	2. Litigation Expenses			
	Total Third-Party Litigation Expenses			
Line 10f	Tax Administrator Fees and Bonds			
	Federal and State Tax Payments	3,266.33		
Line rog		3,200.33	60,952.44	60,952.44
	Total Disbursements for Receivership Operations		00,932.44	00,932.44
Line 11	Disbursements for Distribution Expenses Paid by the	Fund		
Line 11a	Distribution Plan Development Expenses:			
	1. Fees:			
	Fund Administrator			
	Independent Distribution Consultant (IDC)			
	Distribution Agent			
	Consultants			
	Legal Advisors			
	Tax Advisors			
	2. Administrative Expenses			
	3. Miscellaneous			
	Total Plan Development Expenses			
Line 11b	Distribution Plan Implementation Expenses:			
	1. Fees:			
	Fund Administrator			
	IDC			
	Distribution Agent			
	Consultants			
	Legal Advisors			
	Tax Advisors			
	2. Administrative Expenses			
	3. Investor Identification:			
	Notice/Publishing Approved Plan			
	Claimant Identification			
	Claims Processing			
	Web Site Maintenance/Call Center			
	4. Fund Administrator Bond			
	5. Miscellaneous			
	6. Federal Account for Investor Restitution			
	(FAIR) Reporting Expenses			
	Total Plan Implementation Expenses			
		by the Fund		_
	Total Disbursements for Distribution Expenses Paid b	by the fund		
	Disbursements to Court/Other:			
Line 12a	Investment Expenses/Court Registry Investment			
	System (CRIS) Fees			
Line 12b	Federal Tax Payments			
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21110 120	Total Disbursements to Court/Other:			
	Total Disbursements to Court/Other: Total Funds Disbursed (Lines 9 - 11)			60,952.44

# Standardized Fund Accounting Report for Mark A. Kornfeld as Receiver for Kinetic Investment Group, LLC et al. - Cash Basis Receivership; Civil Court Docket No. 8:20-cv-00394-WFJ-SPF

FUND A	CCOUNTING (See Instructions):	Detail	Subtotal	Grand Total
Line 14	Ending Balance of Fund - Net Assets:			
Line 14a	Cash & Cash Equivalents			4,118,538.54
Line 14b	Investments			
Line 14c	Other Assets or Uncleared Funds			
	Total Ending Balance of Fund - Net Assets			4,118,538.54
OTHER	SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:	Detail	Subtotal	Grand Total
	Report of Items Not To Be Paid by the Fund		-	
	Disbursements for Plan Administration Expenses Not	Paid by the Fund:		
	Plan Development Expenses Not Paid by the Fund			
	1. Fees:			
	Fund Administrator			
	IDC			
	Distribution Agent			
	Consultants			
	Legal Advisors			
	Tax Advisors			
	Administrative Expenses			
	3. Miscellaneous			
	Total Plan Development Expenses Not Paid by the Fund			
Line 15h	Plan Implementation Expenses Not Paid by the Fund			
Line 150	1. Fees:			
	Fund Administrator			
	IDC			
	Distribution Agent			
	Consultants			
	Legal Advisors			
	Tax Advisors			
	Administrative Expenses			
	3. Investor Identification:			
	Notice/Publishing Approved Plan			
	Claimant Identification			
	Claims Processing			
	Web Site Maintenance/Call Center			
	4. Fund Administrator Bond			
	5. Miscellaneous			
	6. Federal Account for Investor Restitution			
	(FAIR) Reporting Expenses			
	Total Plan Implementation Expenses Not Paid by the Fun	d		
Line 15c	Tax Admistrator Fees & Bonds Not Paid by the Fund:	lu		
Line 130	Total Disbursements for Plan Administration Expense	l es Not Paid by the Fu	ınd	
Line 16	Disbursements to Court/Other Not Paid by the Fund:	to 1 and by the 1		
	Investment Expenses/CRIS Fees			
	Federal Tax Payments			
21110 100	Total Disbursements to Court/Other Not Paid by the 1	i Fund		
Line 17	DC & State Tax Payments	414		
	No of Claims			
	# of Claims Received Since Inception of Fund			
Line 19	No of Claimants/Investors:			
Line 19a	# of Claimants/Investors Paid This Reporting Period			
	# of Claimants/Investors Paid Since Inception of Fund			

\*Broker accounts U1364167 and U1364170 are not part on the Receivership and not included in above report. Accounts were closed and transferred out to the investors

Receiver:		
By:		
Title		
Date		

# Standardized Fund Accounting Report for Mark A. Kornfeld as Receiver for Kinetic Investment Group, LLC et al. - Cash Basis Receivership; Civil Court Docket No. 8:20-cv-00394-WFJ-SPF Reporting Period From Inception 03/06/2020 to 12/31/2023

FUND ACCO	OUNTING (See Instructions):	Detail	Subtotal	Grand Total
Line 1	Beginning Balance (As of 03/06/2020):	2000	24010111	\$ -
Line i	Increases in Fund Balance:			Ψ -
Line 2	Business Income			
Line 2 Line 3	Cash and Securities	12 (7( (22 7(		
		13,676,623.76		
Line 4	Interest/Dividend Income	284,645.27		
	Business Asset Liquidation	5,631,553.00		
Line 6	Personal Asset Liquidation			
Line 7	Third-Party Litigation Income	3,603,118.07		
Line 8	Miscellaneous - Other	233,282.01		
	Total Funds Available (Line 1 - 8):		23,429,222.11	23,429,222.11
	Description in Front Bolomes			
1 0	Decreases in Fund Balance:	16.716.050.02		
Line 9	Disbursements to Claimants	16,716,050.93		
Line 10	Disbursements for Receivership Operations			
	Disbursements to Receiver or Other Professionals	1,911,075.81		
	Business Asset Expenses	76,474.83		
	Personal Asset Expenses	123,611.34		
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	Investment Expenses	55,113.36	$\overline{}$	
Line 10e	Third-Party Litigation Expenses			
	1. Attorney Fees			
	2. Litigation Expenses			
	Total Third-Party Litigation Expenses			
Line 10f	Tax Administrator Fees and Bonds			
Line 10g	Federal and State Tax Payments	428,357.30		
	Total Disbursements for Receivership Operations		19,310,683.57	19,310,683.57
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	Disbursements for Distribution Expenses Paid by the	runa I		
Line Ha	Distribution Plan Development Expenses:			
	1. Fees:			
	Fund Administrator			
	Independent Distribution Consultant (IDC)			
	Distribution Agent			
	Consultants			
	Legal Advisors			
	Tax Advisors			
	2. Administrative Expenses			
	3. Miscellaneous			
	Total Plan Development Expenses			
Line 11h	Distribution Plan Implementation Expenses:			
Line 110	1. Fees:			
	Fund Administrator			
	IDC			
	Distribution Agent			
	Consultants			
	Legal Advisors			
	Tax Advisors			
	2. Administrative Expenses			
	3. Investor Identification:			
	Notice/Publishing Approved Plan			
	Claimant Identification			
	Claims Processing			
	Web Site Maintenance/Call Center			
	4. Fund Administrator Bond			
	5. Miscellaneous			
	6. Federal Account for Investor Restitution			
	(FAIR) Reporting Expenses			
	Total Plan Implementation Expenses	h dh E 3	_	
	Total Disbursements for Distribution Expenses Paid	by the Fund		
Line 12	Disbursements to Court/Other:			
Line 12a	Investment Expenses/Court Registry Investment			
	System (CRIS) Fees			
Line 12b	Federal Tax Payments			
	Total Disbursements to Court/Other:			
	Total Funds Disbursed (Lines 9 - 11)			19,310,683.57
Line 13	Ending Balance (As of 12/31/2023			4,118,538.54
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## Standardized Fund Accounting Report for Mark A. Kornfeld as Receiver for Kinetic Investment Group, LLC et al. - Cash Basis Receivership; Civil Court Docket No. 8:20-cv-00394-WFJ-SPF

Reporting Period From Inception 03/06/2020 to 12/31/2023

FUND ACC	OUNTING (See Instructions):	Detail	Subtotal	Grand Total
Line 14	Ending Balance of Fund - Net Assets:			
Line 14a	Cash & Cash Equivalents			4,118,538.54
Line 14b	Investments			
Line 14c	Other Assets or Uncleared Funds	-		
	Total Ending Balance of Fund - Net Assets			4,118,538.54
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OTHER SU	PPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:	Detail	Subtotal	Grand Total
	Report of Items Not To Be Paid by the Fund			
Line 15	Disbursements for Plan Administration Expenses No	t Paid by the Fund:		
Line 15a	Plan Development Expenses Not Paid by the Fund			
	1. Fees:			
	Fund Administrator			
	IDC			
	Distribution Agent			
	Consultants			
	Legal Advisors			
	Tax Advisors			
	2. Administrative Expenses			
	3. Miscellaneous			
	Total Plan Development Expenses Not Paid by the Fund			
Line 15b	* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *			
Line 130	Plan Implementation Expenses Not Paid by the Fund			
	1. Fees:			
	Fund Administrator			
	IDC			
	Distribution Agent			
	Consultants			
	Legal Advisors			
	Tax Advisors			
	2. Administrative Expenses			
	3. Investor Identification:			
	Notice/Publishing Approved Plan			
	Claimant Identification			
	Claims Processing			
	Web Site Maintenance/Call Center			
	4. Fund Administrator Bond			
	5. Miscellaneous			
	6. Federal Account for Investor Restitution			
	(FAIR) Reporting Expenses			
	Total Plan Implementation Expenses Not Paid by the Fu	nd	-	
Line 15c	Tax Admistrator Fees & Bonds Not Paid by the Fund:			
	Total Disbursements for Plan Administration Expens	ses Not Paid by the F	und	-
Line 16	Disbursements to Court/Other Not Paid by the Fund	:		
Line 16a	Investment Expenses/CRIS Fees			
Line 16b	Federal Tax Payments			
	Total Disbursements to Court/Other Not Paid by the	Fund		
Line 17	DC & State Tax Payments			
Line 18	No of Claims	L		
	# of Claims Received Since Inception of Fund			
Line 19	No of Claimants/Investors:			
Line 19a	# of Claimants/Investors Paid This Reporting Period			
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Receiver:			
By:	 	 	
Title			
Date			

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EXHIBIT "2"

# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA TAMPA DIVISION

# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,

v.

KINETIC INVESTMENT GROUP, LLC and MICHAEL SCOTT WILLIAMS, Case No: 8:20-cv-394-MSS-SPF

Defendants, and

KINETIC FUNDS I, LLC, KCL SERVICES, LLC d/b/a LENDACY, SCIPIO, LLC, LF 42, LLC, EL MORRO FINANCIAL GROUP, LLC, and KIH, INC., f/k/a KINETIC INTERNATIONAL, LLC,

Relief Defendants.	

#### RECEIVER'S SIXTEENTH INTERIM REPORT

(Reporting Period: October 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023)

Mark A. Kornfeld, Esq., in his capacity as the court-appointed Receiver (the "Receiver") for Kinetic Investment Group, LLC ("KIG"), Kinetic Funds I, LLC ("Kinetic Funds"), KCL Services, LLC d/b/a Lendacy ("Lendacy"), Scipio, LLC ("Scipio"), LF 42, LLC ("LF42"), El Morro Financial Group, LLC ("El Morro"), and KIH Inc., f/k/a Kinetic International, LLC ("Kinetic International") (collectively, the "Receivership Defendants"), respectfully files his Sixteenth Interim Report (the "Sixteenth Report") covering information and activity occurring from

October 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023. In addition to providing notice of the receivership to all known investors shortly after his appointment, the Receiver has also established an informational website at www.kineticreceivership.com, which is regularly updated with important court filings (including previous and subsequent Interim Reports), announcements, and other news that might be relevant to interested parties.

During the time period covered by this Sixteenth Report (October 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023), the Receiver and his team of legal, technology, tax, and accounting professionals (collectively, the "Retained Professionals") have engaged in significant activities regarding the Receivership Estate, which are discussed more thoroughly in the forthcoming report.

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#### I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF REPORTING PERIOD

#### A. Significant Activities Occurring During this Reporting Period

#### 1. Effectuated Third Interim Distribution to Claimant Investors

On December 22, 203, the Receiver received Court approve to effectuate a Third Interim Distribution of \$1,399,999.97. (Doc. 321), which equaled 4.2% of the percentage recovery of Total Allowed Amounts of Investor Claims. After receiving this approval, the Receiver and his team promptly issued checks to all claimants for their respective pro-rata amounts. At present, the majority of investor claimants have cashed their checks from this distribution. This distribution follows the Second Interim Distribution, which was effectuated in 2023 and represented a recovery of 10.6% of the Total Allowed Amounts of Investor Claims.

After the Third Distribution is fully effectuated, the Receiver will have returned a total amount of \$18,116,050.90 to the investor claimants in this Receivership.

## 2. Attention to Tax Associated with Sales of Real Property from the Receivership Estate

Due to the Receiver's efforts in prior Reporting Periods, the sale of all real property closed as planned – bringing in over \$5 million to the Receivership Estate. Substantial work was expended during the Reporting Period to assist the Receiver's professionals in finalizing post-closing issues related to "Villa Gabriela," representing the following real property:

- Condominium Villa Gabriela, Apartment PH1-A/PH 1-B located at 109 De la Cruz Street, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00901;
- Condominium Villa Gabriella, Apartment 2-E located at 109 De la Cruz Street, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00901;
- Parking Space #321 located at Cochera San Francisco, Luna Street #204, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00901; and
- Parking Space #325 located at Cochera San Francisco, Luna Street #204, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00901.

Virtually all of the Receivership assets have been monetized as of the date of this Interim Report. Accordingly, the Receiver and his professionals expended time and necessary resources to assess the state of the Receivership's tax and related obligations in connection to the funds brought into the Receivership Estate from the sale of real property. The Receiver's efforts included coordinating with tax professionals and consultants to ensure that capital gains of the Receivership were recognized and reported as a part both Puerto Rico and U.S. IRS tax returns.

The Receiver continued to work diligently with his professionals, both in Florida and Puerto Rico, to ensure among other things that all tax matters were addressed so as to position the Receivership for a wind-down, which the Receiver anticipates will occur during the first part of calendar year 2024. During this Reporting Period, the Receiver worked with several Puerto Rican tax professionals to ensure that all taxable obligations were met for the sale of Puerto Rican assets that are part of this Receivership.

## 3. Assessed Tax Considerations Regarding Zephyr Aerospace Investment

In March of 2019, Kinetic International made an investment totaling \$500,000.00 in an early-stage airline seat startup known as Zephyr Aerospace ("Zephyr"). The investment into Zephyr was beyond the disclosed and stated scope of the use of investor proceeds, (e.g. that there was no "dividend strategy" associated with this investment). The stated business purpose of Zephyr at the time was to "revolutionize" the way individuals select airline seats on commercial airlines. This \$500,000.00 investment was clearly and directly traceable to investor funds. Understanding that the Zephyr investment is now a loss, the Receiver has worked with his tax professionals to analyze how the investment can be treated for tax purposes. The Receiver will continue to take any measures as are required associated with the loss value on this "investment."

#### 4. Continued Work to Bring in Funds to the Receivership Estate

After the Court granted his Unopposed Motion to Approve Procedure to Pursue Potential Third-Party Claims, the Receiver and his professionals continued evaluating those potential claims pursuant to the procedures approved by the Court. In May 2021, the Receiver and his professionals sent demand letters to various individuals seeking the return of funds the Receiver believes are rightfully owing to the Receivership Entities. For several of those claims, the Receiver reached an agreement to recover the full amount sought.

Receiver continues his efforts to obtain funds from these individuals through individualized payments plans including handling any issues that occur with the individualized plans.

#### 5. Preparation of Fifteenth Interim Report

The Receiver prepared and filed his Fifteenth Interim Report on October 24, 2023 (Doc. 318) which provided a comprehensive summary, analysis, and supporting documentation of the Receiver's continuing investigation as well as the tracing of investor funds.

#### 6. Communication with Investors

The Receiver's staff professionals and counsel continued to communicate regularly with investors via phone and through email correspondence. Additionally, the Receiver continues to provide updates and announcements on the informational website at <a href="www.kineticreceivership.com">www.kineticreceivership.com</a> for investors and other interested parties.

## 7. Continued Investigation and Review of Relevant Documentation and Information regarding the Receivership Entities

The Receiver and his professionals continued their investigation of the business operations of the various Receivership Entities. This included identifying, obtaining, and reviewing relevant documentation and information from the Receivership Entities' offices and interviewing various individuals.

#### 8. Attended to Litigation Matters.

The Receiver continues to monitor the Court's docket given that the Commission's claims against Mr. Williams remain pending.

#### 9. Managed Receiver's Cash Accounts Held at ServisFirst Bank.

Receivership funds are currently being held at ServisFirst Bank. The Receiver has attached a standardized fund accounting report showing the total funds on hand and secured as of December 31, 2023 as Exhibit 1.<sup>1</sup> As of the date of this Report, the Receiver has (i) secured, frozen, marshaled, and liquidated assets for the benefit of victims that resulted in the deposit of approximately \$20 million<sup>2</sup> in the Receiver's fiduciary bank accounts during the Receiver's appointment; (ii) secured significant real property assets and completed the process of marketing and liquidating those assets which resulted in excess of \$5 million in additional proceeds deposited with the Receivership Estate; (iii) made an initial distribution of \$13.2 million to Investor Claimants with approved claims; and (iv) made a second distribution of \$3.5 million to Investor Claimants with approved claims.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The report includes the bank account holding funds previously transferred by Williams' former counsel to the Receiver.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> This amount includes approximately \$197,422.06 in funds previously held in Mr. Williams' prior counsel's trust account and which were subsequently transferred to the Receiver's fiduciary accounts to be held in trust pending further Order from the Court. In the interim, the Court has authorized the payment of various living and legal expenses to or for Mr. Williams' benefit.

The over **\$20 million** recovered for the benefit of claimants is the result of the following (including without limitation):

- March 6, 2020: Froze approximately **\$7.6 million** in Receivership bank accounts located at BMO Harris Bank;
- March 20, 2020: Liquidated securities located in Kinetic Funds sub-accounts at Interactive Brokers. After satisfying the account margin obligations, approximately \$5.5 million was transferred to the Receiver's bank accounts on January 7, 2021;
- June 25, 2020: Liquidated gold coins held by Kinetic Funds for total proceeds of \$223,877.75 which were deposited into the Receiver's bank accounts;
- November 10, 2020: Received nearly \$3.5 million from two Kinetic Funds investors as part of a settlement that ultimately offset roughly \$8 million of the approximately \$12 million in margin obligations in Kinetic Funds' Interactive Brokers' sub-accounts:
- May 11, 2021: Received approximately **\$4.0 million** in net sales proceeds from the sale of the property located at 152 Tetuan Street, San Jan, Puerto Rico 00901; and
- January 13, 2023: Received a net recovery—after payment of commissions and other standard closing costs—of \$1,606,053.00 for the sale of the Villa Gabriela property and associated parking spaces. (Docs. 301 and 303).

As of the date of this filing, the Receiver's accounts currently have \$2,952,779.99.

The Receiver's team is monitoring the outstanding Third Distribution checks to ensure that all amounts are cashed.

#### II. BACKGROUND

#### A. <u>Procedure and Chronology</u>

On February 20, 2020, the Commission filed a complaint (the "Complaint") (Doc. 1) in the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida (the "Court") against Defendants and Relief Defendants alleging that Defendants violated the Securities Act of 1933, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 by making false or materially misleading representations to investors and that over \$6 million of investor funds was misappropriated to fund other business ventures and pay for other unauthorized expenses. Doc. 1 \$\textstyle{19}\textstyle{4}\textstyle{28-38}\textstyle{38

The Complaint alleged that the scheme involved securities offerings made on behalf of Kinetic Funds, a purported hedge fund with a sub-fund structure managed by Kinetic Investment Group and Defendant Williams. *Id.* ? 2. Defendants represented to investors that the largest sub-fund, KFYield, invested all of its assets in income-producing U.S. listed financial products hedged by listed options. *Id.* Potential investors were told that KFYield was a liquid investment that would "maintain 90% principle [sic] protection" and that an investor could redeem their principal investment "100% . . . without penalties" with a 30-day written notice. *Id.* ?? 2, 28. Investors in the KFYield fund, which attracted the near-entirety of investor funds entrusted to Kinetic Funds, were routinely provided with documentation from Bloomberg's reporting service that claimed KFYield

had achieved positive annual returns every year since inception. *Id.* P 24. Many, but not all, investors were also attracted to the Kinetic Funds investment opportunity by the advertised ability to obtain low-interest and unsecured loans from Lendacy based on their KFYield investment and with the understanding that 100% of their KFYield investment would continue earning dividends. *Id.* P 28.

On March 6, 2020, the Court entered the Order Appointing Receiver. By separate Order, the Court also granted the Commission's Motion for Asset Freeze and granted other relief as to all Defendants (Doc. 33). Among other things, the Orders froze Defendants' assets and enjoined any further violations of federal securities laws.

On May 12, 2020, Defendant Williams filed his Answer and Affirmative Defenses to the Commission's Complaint in which he denied the Commission's substantive allegations and set forth 13 affirmative defenses (Doc. 56). On May 28, 2020, the Commission filed its Motion for Judgment of Permanent Injunction (Doc. 86) following the Receiver's execution of a Consent Judgment on behalf of the various Receivership Entities named in the Complaint, and the Court entered that Consent Judgment on November 5, 2020 (Doc. 156). The Commission and Defendant Williams mediated this case on August 28, 2020, which resulted in an impasse (Doc. 132). Both the Commission and Defendant Williams have filed pending dispositive motions seeking judgment in their favor. (Docs. 200-202). On

July 21, 2021, the Court granted the Commission's request to postpone the trial pending resolution of the pending case-dispositive motions. (Doc. 257).

#### B. The Receiver's Role and Responsibilities

As an independent agent of the Court, the Receiver's powers and responsibilities are set forth in the Order Appointing Receiver which provides, in relevant part, that the Receiver:

- "[S]hall have all powers, authorities, rights and privileges heretofore possessed by the officers, directors, managers and general and limited partners of the Receivership Defendants under applicable state and federal law..." and "shall assume and control the operation of the Receivership Defendants and shall pursue and preserve all of their claims." Doc. 34 PP 4-5;
- Shall "take custody, control, and possession of all Receivership Property and records relevant thereto from the Receivership Defendants..." and "manage, control, operate and maintain the Receivership Estates and hold in his possession, custody and control all Receivership Property pending further Order of this Court." *Id.* 
  7(B);
- Is "authorized, empowered, and directed to investigate the manner in which the financial and business affairs of the Receivership Defendants were conducted and...to institute such actions and legal proceedings...as the Receiver deems necessary and appropriate..." *Id.* \$\mathbb{P}\$ 37; and
- Is directed to "develop a plan for the fair, reasonable, and efficient recovery and liquidation of all remaining, recovered, and recoverable Receivership Property...and to "file and serve a full report and accounting of each Receivership Estate" for each calendar quarter. *Id.* [P] 46, 48.

#### C. Receivership Defendants

The Receiver incorporates by reference herein the descriptions of the various Receivership Defendants and Other Relevant Non-Parties set forth in the First Report. *See* Doc. 60 at pp. 12-16.

#### III. OVERVIEW OF RECEIVER'S INITIAL FINDINGS

The Receiver's issuance of interim quarterly reports is intended to, among other things, present a detailed summary of various preliminary findings and ongoing investigation. Unless specifically indicated herein, those preliminary findings are incorporated herein and remain consistent with the Receiver's ongoing investigation. The Receiver reserves the right to revise, amend, and/or supplement these conclusions as the investigation progresses. The Receiver presents the following non-exclusive conclusions that he continues to supplement based on his preliminary review of the documents in his possession and with the assistance of his Retained Professionals.

## A. <u>Discrepancies Between Kinetic Funds' Actual and Reported</u> Performance and Assets

#### 1. Performance Discrepancies

Many investors were attracted to KFYield through promises of consistent investment returns made possible through lower risk, "principle [sic] protection," and "maximum liquidity." No later than early 2017, KFYield's performance and other information were listed on Bloomberg, and those reports were provided to

current and prospective investors showing that KFYield had achieved consistent positive returns. For example, the Q2 2019 Quarterly Report distributed to current investors included a Bloomberg report indicating that the fund had profitable monthly returns for 41 out of the 50 months during the period from April 2015 to June 2019 – including a streak of 21 consecutive months of positive monthly returns from October 2017 to June 2019.<sup>3</sup>

The following chart lists KFYield's annual performance from 2013 to 2019 based on figures reported by Bloomberg and distributed to current and prospective investors:

<u>Year</u>	Bloomberg Reported Performance For KFYield Fund
2013	9.79%
2014	21.27%
2015	.21%
2016	2.24%
2017	1.04%
2018	7.09%
2019 (through June 28, 2019) <sup>4</sup>	2.45%

Beginning in June 2014, Kinetic Funds moved its brokerage accounts for KFYield

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> With the exception of a -3.33% monthly return in 2015, the fund's performance for the remaining reported eight unprofitable months during that period ranged from -.02% to -.61%.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> The Receiver has not seen any information indicating that Kinetic Funds updated the Fund's reported Bloomberg performance figures after September 2019.

and other sub-accounts to Interactive Brokers.<sup>5</sup> According to Interactive Brokers' Portfolio Analyst tool, the KFYield trading account's performance (and change in net asset value) from 2015 (the first full year at Interactive Brokers) to 2019 was:

Year Actual Interactive Brokers Performan				
	For KFYield Fund			
2015	-8.8%			
2016	-3.8%			
2017	-27.5%			
2018	12.8%			
2019 (annual)	-1.2%			
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There are significant discrepancies between the figures reported on Bloomberg and calculated by Interactive Brokers.

For example, in the "Fourth Quarter 2017" quarterly report distributed by Kinetic Investment Group that included the fund's reported performance data on Bloomberg for that period, Defendant Williams stated that "[1]ast year maintained a conservative approach of over-hedging against potential market volatility." The Bloomberg report included with that Quarterly Report showed that, as of December 29, 2017, the fund had total assets of \$31.78 million and its year-to-date performance was 1.04%.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Prior to June 2014, trading accounts for KFYield and other sub-funds were held at Bank of America/Merrill Lynch by Kinetic Securities Trading ("KST"), a predecessor to Kinetic Funds.

However, the 2017 annual statement produced by Interactive Brokers for KFYield's trading account showed that the account declined in value by over 25% during that period:

	December 31, 2016		December 31, 2017		
	Total	Long	Short	Total	Chang
Cash	-11,437,677.94	0.00	-88,877,936.84	-88,877,936.84	-77,440,258.9
Stock	17,663,496.00	104,667,799.00	-219,758.00	104,438,041.00	86,784,546.0
Options	264,376.62	3,067,374.02	-13,927,674.85	-10,860,300.83	-11,124,677.3
Interest Accruals	-4,140.83	0.00	-99,942.86	-99,942.86	-95,802.0
Dividend Accruals	34,887.82	134,520.11	0.00	134,620.11	99,632.2
Total	6,610,940.67	107,869,693.13	-103,125,312.55	4,734,380.58	-1,776,669.9

According to this statement, KFYield had a Net Asset Value ("NAV") of \$6,510,940.57 as of December 31, 2016, and that NAV declined to \$4,734,380.58 as of December 31, 2017 - an annual change of -\$1,776,559.99 or -27.62% of the account's NAV. As of December 31, 2017, the account holdings consisted of over \$104 million in stock positions, -\$10.8 million in net options positions, and a cash balance of nearly -\$89 million.<sup>6</sup>

Another portion of that statement entitled "Change in NAV" showed a breakdown of the annual change in the NAV during that period:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Unlike previous reports, which included the fund's top 10 holdings as of the end of the relevant quarter, the 2017 Q4 report included the fund's top holdings as of February 13, 2018 - approximately 45 days after the end of the relevant quarter and which were significantly different than the fund's holdings as of December 29, 2017.

Change in NAV	Total
Starting Value	6,510,940.57
Mark-to-Market	-3,154,506.38
Position Transfers	16,684.00
Dividends	1,923,148.82
Withholding Tax	-2,035.76
Change in Dividend Accruals	99,632.29
Interest	-439,632.20
Change in Interest Accruals	-95,802.03
Other Fees	-253.30
Commissions	-120,842.30
Transaction Fees	-2,953.13
Ending Value	4,734,380.58

As the statement shows, the KFYield account generated nearly \$2 million in dividends during this period (which appeared to have largely been generated by using significant amounts of margin to purchase dividend-generating equities) but also incurred mark-to-market losses of over -\$3.1 million and paid over \$500,000 in commissions and margin interest charges.

Despite having open equity positions with a value of more than \$100 million as of December 29, 2017, the account statement shows that the vast majority of these holdings were purchased using margin and that the net account value was actually \$4.734 million as of December 29, 2017. In other words, the account's liquidation would have generated less than \$5 million in net proceeds. The fund's reported NAV of roughly \$4.7 million (and thus value of its investment holdings) as of December 31, 2017, differs by over \$25 million compared to the total assets represented in the Bloomberg report for the same time period. Similarly, the account's annual decline of over 27% during 2017 is significantly different than the

1.04% increase represented in the Bloomberg report for the same period. The Receiver has made requests to Defendant Williams' counsel for more information and clarification regarding the calculation of investment performance for KFYield but has, to date, not received any formal response.

#### 2. Apparent Shortfall

Based on the above-identified discrepancies, there appears to have been a shortfall between actual and reported fund assets since at least 2017. Using the late-2017 timeframe as an example, the December 2017 monthly statements distributed to KFYield investors show the total market value of the KFYield fund investments as nearly \$27 million. This theoretically is the amount of funds that were being held and managed on behalf of KFYield investors, and accordingly is the amount that would need to be returned in the event that all investors elected to redeem their investments.

However, it appears that Kinetic Funds had approximately half of the amount represented to KFYield investors readily accessible and available for withdrawal as of December 31, 2017. As of December 31, 2017, Kinetic Funds' bank account at BMO Harris (which held investor deposits) had a balance of approximately \$9.8 million, and KFYield's sub-account at Interactive Brokers had

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> This figure also appears to differ from the Bloomberg report showing total KFYield assets of nearly \$32 million as of December 29, 2017.

a value of approximately \$4.73 million. Thus, Kinetic Funds had approximately \$14.5 million of available cash or securities assets to satisfy total KFYield investor obligations of approximately \$27 million (which does not include holdings or margin obligations in Kinetic Funds' other sub-accounts at Interactive Brokers<sup>8</sup>). Although the Receiver understands that Kinetic Funds had extended various Lendacy loans to investors and non-investors, the near-entirety of those loans specifically provided that the loans were unsecured and thus were not assets that could be immediately called or otherwise converted to cash to meet investor redemptions. Indeed, in the event that KFYield's largest investor alone sought to liquidate its \$18 million investment (which did not have a corresponding Lendacy loan), it is unclear how Kinetic Funds would have been able to satisfy that redemption - let alone maintain continuity of operations. The Receiver continues to investigate the origin, extent, and duration of this shortfall.

#### B. Analyzing the Use of Investor Deposits

From January 15, 2013 to March 4, 2020 (the "Relevant Period"), approximately \$44.1 million was deposited into Kinetic Funds' BMO Harris bank account with account number ending in x4255 (the "KF Bank Account"). The

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> For example, Kinetic Funds' master account had a negative margin balance of \$7.3 million as of December 31, 2017 for which Kinetic Funds was legally responsible.

analysis by the Receiver and his Retained Professionals shows the following flow of funds and transaction activity in the BMO Account holding investor deposits:

- Approximately \$11 million was transferred during the Relevant Period from the KF Bank Account to Kinetic Funds' Interactive Brokers brokerage account in the master account with account number ending in x8796 (the "Brokerage Account"). This included a \$5 million transfer on December 29, 2016 which was used to reduce the then-outstanding -\$12.23 million margin balance to -\$7.24 million as of December 31, 2016, and thus never deposited into the KFYield sub-account. Another \$5 million was transferred to the Brokerage Account on June 29, 2018, of which \$4.995 million was transferred to the KFYield sub-account that same day.
- Nearly \$13 million of investor deposits was transferred from the KF Bank Account to Lendacy's BMO Harris bank accounts ending in x8676 and x1081 (the "Lendacy BMO Accounts") during the Relevant Period, which was in turn used for various purposes including:
  - o Making at least 34 loans totaling **\$6.1 million** to various investors, insiders, and third-parties (excluding Michael Williams);
  - Transferring an additional **\$4.3 million** at the direction, and for the benefit, of Defendant Williams for two separate purchases of real estate in Puerto Rico;
  - o Transferring nearly **\$1 million** to Kinetic Investment Group's BMO Harris bank account;
  - o Transferring \$586,550 to El Morro Financial;
  - o Transferring \$550,000 to LF42; and
  - o Transferring nearly **\$500,000** for a private investment in an aerospace company in the name of Kinetic International.
- At least \$6.1 million of investor deposits was transferred from the KF Bank Account to current and former investors in the form of redemptions and distributions.
- Nearly \$3.9 million was transferred from the KF Bank Account to Kinetic Investment Group's BMO Harris bank account during the Relevant

- Period.<sup>9</sup> Kinetic Investment Group's bank account also received transfers of nearly \$1 million from Lendacy.
- Over **\$4 million** was transferred by the Receivership Entities to various third parties for professional services or payments, including:
  - Over \$1.53 million to ADP, a payroll processing company;
  - o Nearly \$1 million to American Express for credit card payments;
  - Nearly \$700,000 for rental payments for the Sarasota KIG office and the Puerto Rico office used by El Morro and other entities;
  - o Roughly \$230,000 for health insurance;
  - o Approximately \$122,000 to Bloomberg LP; and
  - o Nearly \$500,000 to legal and accounting firms.
- Over **\$1 million** was transferred in connection with Receivership Entity KIH, Inc. f/k/a Kinetic International, LLC's efforts to develop a software exchange platform known as ISX, including:
  - The transfer of \$550,000 from the KF Bank Account to two Puerto Rico bank accounts established for Kinetic International, LLC;
  - The transfer of over \$500,000 to fund a "launch event" in March 2019 and to pay outside contractors and developers.

On March 5, 2020, one day before the Court's hearing on the Commission's motions seeking an asset freeze and appointment of a receiver, Defendant Williams deposited approximately \$2.9 million with the Receivership Entities which included a \$2.35 million deposit into the KF Bank Account. Prior to that

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Kinetic Investment Group also received nearly \$1 million in transfers from the Lendacy Accounts, which received the near-entirety of their funding from the KF Bank Account (\$12.9 million) and payments from loan recipients (\$2.7 million).

deposit the day before the Court's hearing, the KF Bank Account had a balance of less than \$5.2 million. Following appointment of the Receiver on March 6, 2020, a total of approximately \$7.6 million was frozen in the Receivership Entities' bank accounts at BMO Harris.

#### C. Kinetic Funds Management Fees

The Receiver's investigation shows Kinetic Funds and Lendacy made total transfers of nearly \$5 million to Kinetic Investment Group over the relevant period – including nearly \$3.9 million alone from Kinetic Funds. Although the agreements between Kinetic Funds and its investors specified that Kinetic Funds would pay Kinetic Investment Group a management fee of 1% of assets under management as well as 20% of any profits realized from trading of investor assets, the total transfers of nearly \$5 million appear to be significantly larger than what the 1% "expense ratio" for assets under management would have been even using the numbers reported to investors at the end of each calendar year. Based on the Receiver's investigation, it appears that at least a portion of these transfers were used by Kinetic Investment Group for other unauthorized expenses that did not benefit investors. For example, Kinetic Investment Group made nearly \$1 million

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> This also assumes that Kinetic Investment Group was entitled to receive this "expense ratio" fee even if a majority of investor funds were never deposited into brokerage accounts as represented.

in transfers to El Morro Financial during the period of March 2017 to December 2019. *See* First Report pp. 47-53.<sup>11</sup> The Receiver continues to investigate these discrepancies.

#### D. <u>Lendacy's Funding Source was Kinetic Funds</u>

Lendacy received approximately \$17 million into its bank accounts from February 2013 to March 2020, including nearly \$13 million in transfers of investor funds from Kinetic Funds' bank account. Lendacy used these transfers to fund at least 34 loans to various individuals and entities during that time period. These loans often featured significantly below-market rates, were not typically collateralized, and contained little recourse in the event of default. Of those loans, roughly a third were made to insiders and non-KFYield investors that were necessarily funded using investor assets.

For example, a Lendacy loan was made to non-investor M.J. on or about May 4, 2016. It is believed that M.J. is Defendant Williams' niece, and the purpose of the loan appears to have been to fund a summer college program. The loan has been in default since M.J. last made a payment in June 2019. At least

The vast majority of these transfers appear to have been made pursuant to monthly invoices ranging from \$25,000 to \$50,000 generated by El Morro for purported services relating to "Statement Reporting" and other various expenses apparently for Kinetic Funds investors. El Morro also funded a lavish Kinetic Financial Summit in San Juan, Puerto Rico in early 2019 that had no discernible benefit to Kinetic Funds investors.

four employees also received Lendacy loans for various reasons including a "sales draw" and also to fund employee K.P.'s purchase of Defendant Williams' car. Each of those loans were in default no later than February 2019. Another Lendacy loan was made to Puerto Rico resident A.C. for what appears to be repairs to a business located in Puerto Rico. None of those Lendacy loan recipients were Kinetic Funds investors, meaning that their "loans" were necessarily funded with investor deposits.

A document located in Kinetic Funds' files and prepared by the former office administrator shows that a number of the investor loans were also in default as of December 2019 – including some loan recipients that had not made payments in months or even years. For example, Lendacy loans totaling approximately \$2.5 million to investors L.W., M.S., and C.G. appear to have been in default since at least 2015.

#### E. Significant Losses from Association with VTrader Pro, LLC

At the March 6, 2020 hearing, Defendant Williams' counsel disclosed that part of the Kinetic Funds asset shortfall identified by the Court was attributable to losses suffered in connection with Kinetic Funds' previous relationship with a failed broker-dealer named VTrader Pro, LLC ("VTrader"). The Receiver has seen evidence that Kinetic Funds' predecessor, KST, was a Class B, "Entrepreneurial Member Trader" of VTrader before VTrader's registration was

terminated in January 2013.<sup>12</sup> As an "Entrepreneurial Member Trader," KST shared in the profits and losses of VTrader and received distributions based on the percentage of profits in its individual trading accounts. There were number of other Member Traders in VTrader that were unrelated to KST or Defendant Williams. KST and every other Member Traders' trading accounts were assets of VTrader and essentially comingled. This meant that KST's trading account was subject to VTrader's obligations and third party claims and exposed to the losses and shortfalls incurred by other Member Traders.

At some point in 2011, VTrader suffered heavy losses and needed a capital infusion to remain viable. To this end, Defendant Williams agreed to exchange \$1 million from the KST Class B investment in VTrader and convert it to Class A stock. VTrader subsequently collapsed, resulting in the loss of KST's \$1 million investment. It appears those losses were satisfied by (and correspondingly depleted) investor assets. <sup>13</sup> A K-1 was also generated showing a \$1 million loss for Kinetic Partners, LLC.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> See <a href="https://brokercheck.finra.org/firm/summary/131920">https://brokercheck.finra.org/firm/summary/131920</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> In January 2012, VTrader informed Williams that most of the \$1 million that KST had converted to Class A stock had been used to pay down debt balances owed by Class B members and was gone. With respect to the \$1 million Williams converted into a Class A investment, it appears that KST received only \$5,000 in the liquidation. Thus, in addition to any trading losses KST incurred on its subaccounts, it also seemingly lost nearly \$1,000,000 as a result of its Class A investment in VTrader.

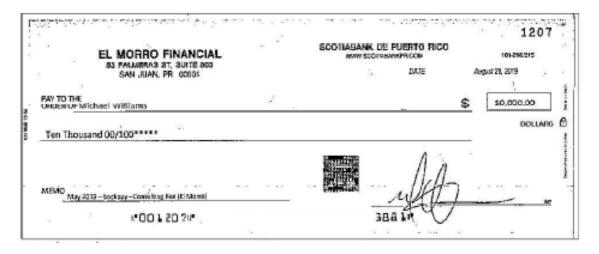
Between mid-2012 through the end of 2012, it appears KST moved its accounts out of VTrader and over to Bank of America/Merrill Lynch. The Receiver's investigation into these events has been hampered by the passage of nearly ten years from these events and the unavailability of sufficient documentation, but it appears that investor funds were adversely affected.

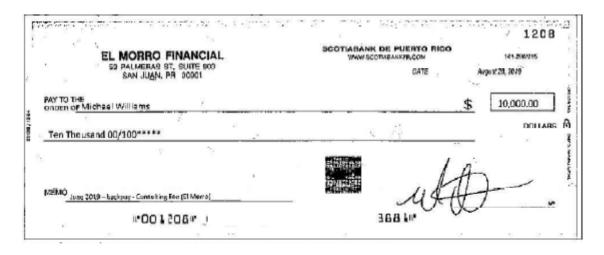
#### F. Williams' Use of Investor Funds for His Own Benefit

The Receiver's review of the financial transactions among the various Receivership Entities has allowed him to trace millions of dollars in investor funds that were transferred to or for the benefit of Defendant Williams and without any discernible authorized purpose or benefit to Kinetic Funds. As further detailed in the First Report, these transfers include:

- The use of \$1.5 million in investor funds, later classified as a Lendacy loan, to purchase two luxury apartments in Puerto Rico and corresponding parking spaces. In addition to using one of the apartments as his primary residence, Defendant Williams also rented out one of the units to a tenant for which he received monthly rental income not turned over to Kinetic Funds (Doc. 60 pp. 43-44);
- The use of \$2.755 million in investor funds, later classified as a Lendacy loan, to purchase a historic commercial bank building in San Juan, Puerto Rico on behalf of Receivership Entity Scipio, LLC (Doc. 60 pp. 45-46);
- The use of \$2 million in investor funds, later classified as a Lendacy loan on behalf of Receivership Entity LF42, for various expenses relating to several Receivership Entities located and operating in San Juan, Puerto Rico, including the funding of the "Kinetic Summit" in February 2019 (Doc. 60 p. 47);
- The payment of nearly \$1 million in investor funds to Receivership Entity El Morro Financial purportedly for statement preparation and other

services and the payment of more than \$50,000 in salary to Defendant Williams from mid-2017 to mid-2019. Several \$10,000 checks were also written payable to (and signed by) Defendant Williams in late 2019 that contained the notation "Consulting Fee" in the memo portion:





(See First Report pp. 47-53);

• The structuring of at least one "Consulting Agreement" between Kinetic Investment Group and LF42, Defendant Williams' entity, including an agreement in September 2019 - after Defendant Williams was on notice of the Commission's investigation - signed by Defendant Williams on behalf of KIG and LF42 and pursuant to which Kinetic Investment Group transferred \$10,000 per month to LF42 from September 2019 to February 2020 for Defendant Williams' benefit (*See* First Report p. 47);

• The sale of Defendant Williams' car to an employee in the Sarasota, Florida Kinetic Funds office for which the employee signed a Lendacy loan for \$18,000 and the same sum was wired to Defendant Williams (See

First Report p. 47); and

• Arranging for who the Receiver understands to be Defendant Williams' girlfriend to be on the payroll of Kinetic Investment Group despite the lack of any justifiable business purpose or services for value (*See* First Report

pp. 47).

G. Continued Investor Outreach and Administration of Website

Throughout the relevant period, the Receiver continued to communicate

with investors and other interested parties regarding the status of his efforts and

any particular questions or issues brought to the Receiver's attention. The

Receiver also continued to administer his informational website located at

www.kineticreceivership.com which is regularly updated with court filings and

reports and also allows interested parties to contact the Receiver.

IV. CONCLUSION

The Receiver's foregoing efforts have positioned the Receivership for a first

part of calendar year 2024 wind-down and the Receiver continues to work

diligently toward that end.

Respectfully submitted,

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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#### REPORT OF STANDARDIZED FUND ACCOUNTING REPORT

Mark A. Kornfeld, As Receiver for Kinetic Investment Group, LLC et al. Tampa, FL

We have compiled the standardized fund accounting report for the period October 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023 and from inception March 6, 2020 to December 31, 2023, included in the accompanying prescribed form (Civil Court Docket No. 8:20-cv-00394-WFJ-SPF). We have not audited or reviewed the accompanying standardized fund accounting report and accordingly, do not express an opinion or any assurance about whether the standardized fund accounting report is in accordance with the form prescribed by the Civil Court Docket No. 8:20-cv-00394-WFJ-SPF).

Mark A. Kornfeld, As Receiver for Kinetic Investment Group, LLC et al, is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the standardized fund account report in accordance with requirements prescribed by the Civil Court Docket No 8:20-cv-00394-WFJ-SPF, and for designing, implementing, and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the standardized fund accounting report.

Our responsibility is to conduct the compilation in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The objective of a compilation is to assist Mark A. Kornfeld, As Receiver for Kinetic Investment Group, LLC et al, in presenting financial information in the form of a standardized fund accounting report without undertaking to obtain or provide any assurance that there are no material modifications that should be made to the standardized fund accounting report.

This standardized fund accounting report is presented in accordance with the requirements of the Civil Court Docket No. 8:20-cv-00394-WFJ-SPF, which differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Civil Court Docket No 8:20-cv-00394-WFJ-SPF and is not intended and should not be used by anyone other than this specified party.

Oldsmar, Florida January 19, 2023

#### **Standardized Fund Accounting Report for**

#### Mark A. Kornfeld as Receiver for Kinetic Investment Group, LLC et al. - Cash Basis Receivership; Civil Court Docket No. 8:20-cv-00394-WFJ-SPF Reporting Period 10/01/2023 - 12/31/2023

FUND A	CCOUNTING (See Instructions):	Detail	Subtotal	Grand Total
Line 1	Beginning Balance (As of 10/01/2023):			\$ 4,131,137.30
	Increases in Fund Balance:			
Line 2	Business Income			
Line 3	Cash and Securities**	23,711.54		
Line 4	Interest/Dividend Income	24,642.14		
Line 5	Business Asset Liquidation	21,012.11		
Line 6	Personal Asset Liquidation			
Line 7	Third-Party Litigation Income			
	, ,			
Line 8	Miscellaneous - Other		40.252.60	4 170 400 00
	Total Funds Available (Line 1 - 8):		48,353.68	4,179,490.98
	Decreases in Fund Balance:			
Line 9	Disbursements to Claimants			
Line )	Disbursements to Claimants			
Line 10	Disbursements for Receivership Operations			
	Disbursements to Receiver or Other Professionals	48,831.75		
	Business Asset Expenses	25.00		
	Personal Asset Expenses	8,829.36		
	Investment Expenses	0,027.30		
	Third-Party Litigation Expenses		_	_
Line 10e				
	1. Attorney Fees			
	2. Litigation Expenses			
	Total Third-Party Litigation Expenses			
	Tax Administrator Fees and Bonds			
Line 10g	Federal and State Tax Payments	3,266.33		
	Total Disbursements for Receivership Operations		60,952.44	60,952.44
Line 11	Disbursements for Distribution Expenses Paid by the	Fund		
	Distribution Plan Development Expenses:			
Lille 11a	1 1			
	1. Fees:			
	Fund Administrator			
	Independent Distribution Consultant (IDC)			
	Distribution Agent			
	Consultants			
	Legal Advisors			
	Tax Advisors			
	2. Administrative Expenses			
	3. Miscellaneous			
	Total Plan Development Expenses			
Line 11h	Distribution Plan Implementation Expenses:			
Line 110	1. Fees:			
	Fund Administrator			
	IDC			
	Distribution Agent			
	Consultants			
	Legal Advisors			
	Tax Advisors			
	2. Administrative Expenses			
	3. Investor Identification:			
	Notice/Publishing Approved Plan			
	Claimant Identification			
	Claims Processing			
	Web Site Maintenance/Call Center			
	4. Fund Administrator Bond			
	5. Miscellaneous			
	6. Federal Account for Investor Restitution			
	(FAIR) Reporting Expenses			
	Total Plan Implementation Expenses			
	Total Disbursements for Distribution Expenses Paid I	by the Fund		
Line 12	Disbursements to Court/Other:			
	Investment Expenses/Court Registry Investment			
	System (CRIS) Fees			
Line 12L	Federal Tax Payments			
Line 120	<u> </u>			
	Total Disbursements to Court/Other:			(0.052.44
T	Total Funds Disbursed (Lines 9 - 11)			60,952.44
Lane 13	Ending Balance (As of 12/31/2023)	1		4,118,538.54

## Standardized Fund Accounting Report for Mark A. Kornfeld as Receiver for Kinetic Investment Group, LLC et al. - Cash Basis Receivership; Civil Court Docket No. 8:20-cv-00394-WFJ-SPF

**Reporting Period 10/01/2023 - 12/31/2023** 

FUND A	CCOUNTING (See Instructions):	Detail	Subtotal	Grand Total
Line 14	Ending Balance of Fund - Net Assets:			
Line 14a	Cash & Cash Equivalents			4,118,538.54
Line 14b	Investments			
Line 14c	Other Assets or Uncleared Funds			
	Total Ending Balance of Fund - Net Assets			4,118,538.54
OTHER	SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:	Detail	Subtotal	Grand Total
	Report of Items Not To Be Paid by the Fund		-	
	Disbursements for Plan Administration Expenses Not	Paid by the Fund:		
	Plan Development Expenses Not Paid by the Fund			
	1. Fees:			
	Fund Administrator			
	IDC			
	Distribution Agent			
	Consultants			
	Legal Advisors			
	Tax Advisors			
	Administrative Expenses			
	3. Miscellaneous			
	Total Plan Development Expenses Not Paid by the Fund			
Line 15h	Plan Implementation Expenses Not Paid by the Fund			
Line 150	1. Fees:			
	Fund Administrator			
	IDC			
	Distribution Agent			
	Consultants			
	Legal Advisors			
	Tax Advisors			
	Administrative Expenses			
	3. Investor Identification:			
	Notice/Publishing Approved Plan			
	Claimant Identification			
	Claims Processing			
	Web Site Maintenance/Call Center			
	4. Fund Administrator Bond			
	5. Miscellaneous			
	6. Federal Account for Investor Restitution			
	(FAIR) Reporting Expenses			
	Total Plan Implementation Expenses Not Paid by the Fun	d		
Line 15c	Tax Admistrator Fees & Bonds Not Paid by the Fund:	lu		
Line 130	Total Disbursements for Plan Administration Expense	l es Not Paid by the Fr	ınd	
Line 16	Disbursements to Court/Other Not Paid by the Fund:	to 1 and by the 1		
	Investment Expenses/CRIS Fees			
	Federal Tax Payments			
21110 100	Total Disbursements to Court/Other Not Paid by the 1	r Fund		
Line 17	DC & State Tax Payments	4114		
	No of Claims			
	# of Claims Received Since Inception of Fund			
Line 19	No of Claimants/Investors:			
Line 19a	# of Claimants/Investors Paid This Reporting Period			
	# of Claimants/Investors Paid Since Inception of Fund			

\*Broker accounts U1364167 and U1364170 are not part on the Receivership and not included in above report. Accounts were closed and transferred out to the investors

Receiver:		
By:		
Title		
Date		

# Standardized Fund Accounting Report for Mark A. Kornfeld as Receiver for Kinetic Investment Group, LLC et al. - Cash Basis Receivership; Civil Court Docket No. 8:20-cv-00394-WFJ-SPF Reporting Period From Inception 03/06/2020 to 12/31/2023

FUND ACC	OUNTING (See Instructions):	Detail	Subtotal	Grand Total
Line 1	Beginning Balance (As of 03/06/2020):			\$ -
	Increases in Fund Balance:			1
Line 2	Business Income			
Line 3	Cash and Securities	13,676,623.76		
Line 4	Interest/Dividend Income	284,645.27		
Line 5	Business Asset Liquidation	5,631,553.00		
Line 6	Personal Asset Liquidation			
Line 7	Third-Party Litigation Income	3,603,118.07		
Line 8	Miscellaneous - Other	233,282.01		
	Total Funds Available (Line 1 - 8):		23,429,222.11	23,429,222.11
	Decreases in Fund Balance:	16.716.050.02		
Line 9	Disbursements to Claimants	16,716,050.93		
Line 10	Disbursements for Receivership Operations			
	Disbursements to Receiver or Other Professionals	1,911,075.81		
	Business Asset Expenses	76,474.83		
	Personal Asset Expenses	123,611.34		
	Investment Expenses	55,113.36		
	Third-Party Litigation Expenses	11,		
	1. Attorney Fees			
	2. Litigation Expenses			
	Total Third-Party Litigation Expenses			
Line 10f	Tax Administrator Fees and Bonds			
Line 10g	Federal and State Tax Payments	428,357.30		
	Total Disbursements for Receivership Operations	·	19,310,683.57	19,310,683.57
Line 11	Disbursements for Distribution Expenses Paid by the	Fund		
	Distribution Plan Development Expenses:	T unu		
Line 11a	1. Fees:			
	Fund Administrator			
	Independent Distribution Consultant (IDC)			
	Distribution Agent			
	Consultants			
	Legal Advisors			
	Tax Advisors			
	2. Administrative Expenses			
	3. Miscellaneous			
	Total Plan Development Expenses			
Line 11b	Distribution Plan Implementation Expenses:			
	1. Fees:			
	Fund Administrator			
	IDC			
	Distribution Agent			
	Consultants			
	Legal Advisors			
	Tax Advisors			
	2. Administrative Expenses			
	3. Investor Identification:			
	Notice/Publishing Approved Plan			
	Claimant Identification			
	Claims Processing			
	Web Site Maintenance/Call Center			
	4. Fund Administrator Bond			
	5. Miscellaneous			
	6. Federal Account for Investor Restitution			
	(FAIR) Reporting Expenses			
	Total Plan Implementation Expenses			
	Total Disbursements for Distribution Expenses Paid	by the Fund		
Line 12	Disbursements to Court/Other:			
Line 12a	Investment Expenses/Court Registry Investment			
<b>.</b>	System (CRIS) Fees			
Line 12b	Federal Tax Payments			
	Total Disbursements to Court/Other:			10.610.533
T . 42	Total Funds Disbursed (Lines 9 - 11)			19,310,683.57
Line 13	Ending Balance (As of 12/31/2023	l		4,118,538.54

#### Standardized Fund Accounting Report for

#### Mark A. Kornfeld as Receiver for Kinetic Investment Group, LLC et al. - Cash Basis Receivership; Civil Court Docket No. 8:20-cv-00394-WFJ-SPF Reporting Period From Inception 03/06/2020 to 12/31/2023

FUND ACC	OUNTING (See Instructions):	Detail	Subtotal	Grand Total
	Ending Balance of Fund - Net Assets:	Detail	Subtotal	Granu Total
	Cash & Cash Equivalents			4,118,538.54
	Investments			4,110,336.34
	Other Assets or Uncleared Funds			
Line 140	Total Ending Balance of Fund - Net Assets	-		4,118,538.54
	Total Ending Dalance of Fund - Net Assets			4,110,336.34
OTHER SU	PPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:	Detail	Subtotal	Grand Total
	Report of Items Not To Be Paid by the Fund	Detail	Subtotal	Granu Total
	Disbursements for Plan Administration Expenses No	t Paid by the Fund		
Line 15a	Plan Development Expenses Not Paid by the Fund	and by the Fund.		
Line 13a	1. Fees:			
	Fund Administrator			
	IDC			
	Distribution Agent			
	Consultants			
	Legal Advisors			
	Tax Advisors			
	2. Administrative Expenses			
	3. Miscellaneous			
T : 151	Total Plan Development Expenses Not Paid by the Fund			
Line 15b	Plan Implementation Expenses Not Paid by the Fund			
	1. Fees:			
	Fund Administrator			
	IDC			
	Distribution Agent			
	Consultants			
	Legal Advisors			
	Tax Advisors			
	2. Administrative Expenses			
	3. Investor Identification:			
	Notice/Publishing Approved Plan			
	Claimant Identification			
	Claims Processing			
	Web Site Maintenance/Call Center			
	4. Fund Administrator Bond			
	5. Miscellaneous			
	6. Federal Account for Investor Restitution			
	(FAIR) Reporting Expenses			
	Total Plan Implementation Expenses Not Paid by the Fu	nd	-	
Line 15c	Tax Admistrator Fees & Bonds Not Paid by the Fund:			
	Total Disbursements for Plan Administration Expens		und	-
Line 16	Disbursements to Court/Other Not Paid by the Fund:			
Line 16a	Investment Expenses/CRIS Fees			
Line 16b	Federal Tax Payments			
	Total Disbursements to Court/Other Not Paid by the	Fund	-	
Line 17	DC & State Tax Payments			
Line 18	No of Claims			
	# of Claims Received Since Inception of Fund			
Line 19	No of Claimants/Investors:			
Line 19a	# of Claimants/Investors Paid This Reporting Period			
	# of Claimants/Investors Paid Since Inception of Fund			

Receiver:			
By:			
Title			
Date			

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## EXHIBIT "3"

#### **CERTIFICATION**

- I, MARK A. KORNFELD (the "Applicant"), declare under penalty of perjury that the following is true and correct:
- 1. The Applicant is a Shareholder in the law firm of Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney PC ("Buchanan Ingersoll") and the Receiver in this action. This Certification is based on the Applicant's first-hand knowledge of and review of the books, records and documents prepared and maintained by Buchanan Ingersoll in the ordinary course of its business. The Applicant knows that the facts contained in this motion regarding work performed by the Receiver and his staff and the facts contained in this Certification are true, and the Applicant is authorized by Buchanan Ingersoll to make this Certification. Having reviewed the time records and data which support the motion, the Applicant further certifies that said motion is well grounded in fact and justified.
- 2. The billing records of Buchanan Ingersoll which are attached to this Application are true and correct copies of the records maintained by Buchanan Ingersoll. These records were made at or near the time the acts, events, conditions or opinions described in such records occurred or were made. The Applicant knows that the records were made by persons with knowledge of the transactions or occurrences described in such records or that the information contained in the records was transmitted by a person with knowledge of the transactions or occurrences described in the records. The records were kept in the ordinary course of the regularly conducted business activity of Buchanan Ingersoll and it is the regular business practice of Buchanan Ingersoll to prepare these records.

3. To the best of the Applicant's knowledge, information and belief formed after

reasonable inquiry, this motion and all fees and expenses herein are true and accurate and

comply with the Billing Instructions for Receivers in Civil Actions Commenced by the SEC.

4. All fees contained in this Application are based on the rates listed in the fee

schedule attached hereto and such fees are reasonable, necessary and commensurate with the

skill and experience required for the activity performed.

5. The Applicant has not included in the amount for which reimbursement is sought

the amortization of the cost of any investment, equipment, or capital outlay (except to the extent

that any such amortization is included within the permitted allowable amounts set forth herein

for photocopies and facsimile transmission).

6. In seeking reimbursement for a service which Buchanan Ingersoll justifiably

purchased or contracted for from a third party, the Applicant requests reimbursement only for a

service which the Applicant justifiably purchased or contracted for from a third party, the

Applicant requests reimbursement only for the amount billed to the Applicant by the third-party

vendor and paid by the Applicant to such vendor. If such services are performed by the

Applicant, the Applicant will certify that he is not making a profit on such reimbursable service.

Executed this 15th day of February, 2024.

MARK A. KORNFELD

Receiver

EXHIBIT "4"

# Total Compensation And Expenses Requested; Any Amounts Previously Requested; And Total Compensation And Expenses Previously Awarded

Name	Specialty	Hours	Fees	Expenses	Total	Fees Previously Awarded	Expenses Previously Awarded
Receiver and Quarles & Brady LLC	Attorneys	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$559,587.85	\$23,177.24
Receiver and Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney PC	Attorneys	31.50	\$10,766.25	\$0.00	\$10,766.25	\$718,408.37	\$13,539.52
Yip & Associates	Accountants	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$273,562.75	\$2,043.80
E-Hounds, Inc.	Information Technology and Forensic Technology	0.00	\$0.00	\$1,485.00	\$1,485.00	\$40,740.00	\$24,550.00
IRW Law Offices	Attorneys	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$26,302.50	\$988.38
PDR CPAs + Advisors	Accountants	6.75	\$1,361.25	\$7,803.00	\$9,164.25	\$48,541.25	\$15,150.03
K. Tek Systems	Website	0.00	\$0.00	\$780.00	\$780.00	\$3,990.00	\$1,500.00
Marshall Swatt		0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,475.00	\$ -
Total		38.25	\$12,127.50	\$10,068.00	\$22,195.50	\$1,679,607.72	\$80,948.97

EXHIBIT "5(a)"

Name	Practice Area	Title	Year Licensed	Stan	dard Rate	Red	uced Rate	Total Hours	To	otal Billed
Mark A Kornfeld	Litigation	Shareholder	1993	\$	645 00	\$	437 50	13 50	\$	5,906 25
Jordan D Maglich	Litigation	Counsel	2010	\$	455 00	\$	295 00		\$	-
Lauren Humphries	Litigation	Associate	2015	\$	390 00	\$	270 00	5 20	\$	1,404 00
Dane L Stuhlsatz	Litigation	Associate	2018	\$	420 00	\$	270 00	12 80	\$	3,456 00
Mıtchell Horowitz	Tax	Partner	1984	\$	760 00	\$	412 50		\$	-
Tabitha Pellegrene	Labor & Employment	Paralegal		\$	280 00	\$	195 00		\$	-
Total Fees									\$	10,766.25
Less Credit										\$0.00
Total Expenses										
Total								31.50	\$	10,766.25

EXHIBIT "5(b)"

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### International Intelligence Group, LLC

Name	Title	Stand	lard Rate	Redu	ced Rate	Total Hours	7	Total Billed
Ron Duting	Principal	\$	125 00	\$	85.00		\$	_
Total Fees							\$	-
Less. Credit							\$	-
Total Expenses							\$	780.00
Total						0	\$	780.00

No fees in 2nd quarter

EXHIBIT "5(c)"

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Name	Title	Standard Rate	Reduced Rate	<b>Total Hours</b>	Total Billed
Robert Rohr	Senior Analyst	\$195 - \$250	\$195 - \$250	0	
Ernesto Rojas	Evidence Technician	\$195	\$195	0	\$ -
Sean Organ	Evidence Technician	\$225	\$225	0	\$ -
David A. Bukas	VP of Operations	\$195	\$195	0	\$ -
Total Fees					\$ -
Less: Credit					\$ -
<b>Total Expenses</b>					\$ 1,485.00
Total				0	\$ 1,485.00

EXHIBIT "5(d)"

### PDR CPAs

		Year Licensed/	Standard						
Name	Title	Experience		Rate	Bi	lling Rate	Total Hours	Te	otal Billed
William E Price	CPA	45+			\$	335 00	2 25	\$	753 75
William E Price	CPA	45+	\$	320 00	\$	320 00		\$	-
Gail Heinold	Accounting Manager	20+			\$	160 00		\$	
Gail Heinold	Accounting Manager	20+	\$	210 00	\$	155 00	1 50	\$	232 50
Gail Heinold	Accounting Manager	20+			\$	125 00		\$	-
Tammy Warden	Staff Accountant				\$	125 00	3 00	\$	375 00
Sharon O'Brien	Staff Accountant	10+	\$	150 00	\$	125 00		\$	-
Megan Justice	Staff Accountant	4+	\$	150 00	\$	125 00		\$	-
Shelly Spencer	Staff Accountant					\$125 00		\$	-
Michael Yanchunis	Staff Accountant					\$125 00		\$	-
SGH						\$60 00		\$	_
LH						\$165 00		\$	-
MNL						\$210 00		\$	-
TNJ						\$125 00		\$	-
Tracy Hess	Tax Manager	5+	\$	225 00	\$	210 00		\$	-
Total Fees								\$	1,361.25
Less Credit									0 00
Total Expenses								\$	7,803.00
Total							6.75	\$	9,164.25

EXHIBIT "6(a)"



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January 8, 2024 Invoice No. 12280487

#### **INVOICE SUMMARY**

#### For Professional Services Rendered:

RE: IN RE: KINETICS

Our Reference: 0103373-000001

Fees: \$10,766.25 Disbursements: \$0.00

Total Current Invoice: \$10,766.25

INCORPORATED IN PENNSYLVANIA TAX ID 25-1381032



MARK KORNFELD, RECEIVER C/O BUCHANAN INGERSOLL & ROONEY SUNTRUST FINANCIAL CENTRE 401 E. JACKSON STREET, SUITE 240 ATTN: JORDAN MAGLICH, ESQUIRE TAMPA, FL 33602 TRUIST Place 401 E Jackson Street, Suite 2400 Tampa, FL 33602-5236

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Our Reference 0103373-000001

#### SERVICES INCLUDING

Timekeeper	Date	Task	Narrative	Hours	Amount	
Administration						
D. L Stuhlsatz 10/10/23 B100 Conference call with counsel regarding revisions to Fifteenth Fee Application. (NO CHARGE)				0.40	N/C	
Subtotal Admin	istration			0.40	0.00	
Case Administra	tion					
M. A. Kornfeld	10/02/23	B110	Attend to Interim Report and administration of banking and tax issues.	1 00	437.50	
D. L. Stuhlsatz	10/02/23	B110	Begin preparing Fifteenth Fee Application to the court requesting approval of fees for the July-September 2023 quarter. (NO CHARGE)	4.60	N/C	
D L. Stuhlsatz	10/02/23	B110	Review and analysis of July-September 2023 quarterly invoices in preparation of Fifteenth Fee Application to the court requesting approval of fees for the July-September 2023 quarter (NO CHARGE)	0.50	N/C	
M. A. Kornfeld	10/03/23	B110	Review, analyze update Interim Report for third quarter.	1.00	437 50	
D. L. Stuhlsatz  10/03/23  B110  Continue and finish preparation of Fifteenth Fee Application to the court requesting approval of fees for the July- September 2023 quarter (NO CHARGE)		3 00	N/C			

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Timekeeper	Date	Task	Nanative	Hours	Amount
D. L. Stuhlsatz	10/03/23	B110	Prepare Fifteenth Interim Report for 3rd quarter, July-September 2023	2 90	783.00
M A. Kornfeld	10/05/23	B110	Emails to C. Nestor and S. Moot regarding Third Interim Distribution, Interim Report, 2024 wind-down	0 70	306.25
M A. Kornfeld	10/09/23	B110	Review, discuss with D. Stuhlsatz Motion for Distribution, Q3 Interim Report, follow-up with Court regarding Claimant Distribution Motion.	1.00	437 50
M. A Kornfeld	10/10/23	B110	Calls, emails, confer, review, revise Interim Report.	1.00	437.50
D L. Stuhlsatz	10/11/23	B110	Begin revising Fifteenth Fee Application in final preparation of same before sending to SEC for review. (NO CHARGE)	2 60	N/C
M. A Kornfeld	10/11/23	B110	Review, revise, update Interim Report relating to distributions, payment of taxes.	0.50	218.75
D. L. Stuhlsatz	10/12/23	B110	Review and analysis of exhibits prepared to be filed in support of Fifteenth Fee Application in final preparation of those exhibits before filing. (NO CHARGE)	0.60	N/C
M A Kornfeld	10/12/23	B110	Review, revise Interim Report	0.50	218 75
D L. Stuhlsatz	10/13/23	B110	Continue preparation of Fifteenth Interim Report.	1.50	405 00
D L. Stuhlsatz	10/13/23	B110	Review and analysis of exhibits to accompany Fifteenth Fee Application in final compilation of same before sending draft to SEC. (NO CHARGE)	1.50	N/C
D. L. Stuhlsatz	10/13/23	B110	Conduct final citation and content check of Fifteenth Fee Application in final preparation of same before sending to SEC (NO CHARGE)	2.50	N/C
D. L Stuhlsatz	10/13/23	B110	Prepare Order granting fee application to be included as exhibit with Fifteenth Fee Application. (NO CHARGE)	0.70	N/C
D L. Stuhlsatz	10/18/23	B110	Continue and finish initial draft of Fifteenth Interim Report to be filed with the court alongside the fee application for Q3 2023	4.60	1,242 00

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Timekeeper	Date	Task	Narrative	Hours	Amount
D L. Stuhlsatz	10/18/23	B110	Review and analysis of Buchanan invoices for Q3 2023 in preparation of section of Fifteenth Interim Report concerning the activities undertaken in the relevant reporting period (NO CHARGE)	0.50	N/C
D. L Stuhlsatz	10/18/23	B110	Conference with counsel regarding preparation of Fifteenth Interim Report.	0 20	54 00
M. A Kornfeld	10/19/23	B110	Emails, confer with D. Stuhlsatz regarding Interim Report, review, analyze and provide updates, comments to same.	1.00	437.50
D L. Stuhlsatz	10/20/23	B110	Revise and finalize Fifteenth Fee Application incorporating suggested revisions from SEC counsel for their non-objection to the fees requested (NO CHARGE)	0.90	N/C
D L. Stuhlsatz	10/20/23	B110	Revise and finalize unitial draft of Fifteenth Interim Report	0 50	135.00
D. L. Stuhlsatz	10/23/23	B110	Conference with counsel regarding final revisions to Fifteenth Interim Report in final preparation of same for filing.	0.30	81 00
D L. Stuhlsatz	10/23/23	B110	Revise and finalize Fifteenth Interim Report in preparation of filing of same	1.40	378 00
D. L. Stuhlsatz	10/24/23	B110	Correspondence with Williams' counsel.	0.30	81.00
M A. Kornfeld	10/24/23	B110	Emails, calls, direct D. Stuhlsatz, S. Storno regarding filing and finalizing edits to Interim Report	0.80	350.00
M. A. Kornfeld	10/24/23	B110	Review, respond to claimant queries.	0.20	87.50
D L. Stuhlsatz	10/24/23	B110	Conduct final review of Fifteenth Fee Application and attached exhibits to assure accuracy and in final preparation of same before filing. (NO CHARGE)	0.50	N/C
D. L Stuhlsatz	10/24/23	B110	Conduct final review of Fifteenth Interim Report and attached exhibits to assure accuracy and in final preparation of same before filing.	0 30	81.00
M. A. Kornfeld			0.50	218 75	

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Tımekeeper	Date	Task	Narrative	Hours	Amount
D L Stuhlsatz	11/28/23	B110	Draft correspondence to claimant regarding third interim distribution	0 20	54.00
M A. Kornfeld	12/05/23	B110	motion. Emails, calls with L Humphries regarding call from Claimant, sub-judice motion for interim distribution, wind down and taxes for 2024 filings	0 40	175.00
D L Stuhlsatz	12/05/23	B110	Return call of claimant seeking update on status of additional distribution payments.	0.30	81 00
M. A. Kornfeld	12/07/23	B110	Emails with L. Humphries, follow up regarding motion to distribute funds, taxes for 2024	0 50	218 75
D. L. Stuhlsatz	12/08/23	B110	Correspondence with claimant seeking update on status of next distribution payment.	0.20	54.00
M. A. Kornfeld	12/18/23	B110	Emails, confer with L Humphries regarding follow up and approach to Third Interim Distribution	0 40	175 00
M A. Kornfeld	12/26/23	B110	Follow-up with L. Humphries regarding distributions, per Court's Order.	0 20	87.50
M A. Kornfeld	12/28/23	B110	Emails to L Humphries regarding distribution, taxes, Interim Report, wind down 2024	0.50	218.75
M. A Kornfeld	12/28/23	B110	Review, outline issues for winddown of estate, week of 1-2 discussions with L. Humphries, YIP.	1 50	656 25
Subtotal Case A	dministration			42.30	8,547.75
Asset Analysis a	nd Recovery				
M. A. Kornfeld	10/31/23	B120	Emails from/to B. Price regarding 2023 tax filings, Puerto Rico, sale of condos, parking spaces.	0 20	87.50
Subtotal Asset A Recovery	Analysis and			0.20	87.50
Asset Disposition	1				
L. Humphries	12/11/23	B130	Conference with vendor regarding banking issues	0.20	54 00

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Timekeeper	Date	Task	Narrative	Hours	Amount
L. Humphries	12/12/23	B130	Preparation of research regarding distribution of final assets in Receivership.	1.50	405 00
L Humphries	12/12/23	B130	Phone conference with claimant investor on expected third distribution	0.30	81.00
L. Humphries	12/13/23	B130	Phone conference with clerk of court on relief motion	0.20	54.00
L Humphries	12/14/23	B130	Per Receiver, drafted update to Interim Report	0.50	135.00
L. Humphries	12/15/23	B130	Communication with clerk on Notice issue.	0.20	54 00
L. Humphries	12/15/23	B130	Preparation of update to Interim Report	0.40	108 00
L. Humphries	12/19/23	B130	Phone conference with clerk on notice on motion	0 20	54.00
L Humphries	12/20/23	B130	Communicated with Court on distribution	0 20	54.00
L. Humphries	12/22/23	B130	Review of Order on third interim distribution	0 20	54.00
L. Humphries	12/22/23	B130	Emails with accountants on plan for distribution.	0.20	54 00
L. Humphries	12/26/23	B130	Communicated with accountants on third distribution	0 30	81.00
L Humphries	12/28/23	B130	Preparation of documents for distribution of funds.	0.50	135 00
L. Humphries	12/28/23	B130	Communication with accountants regarding distribution	0 30	81.00
Subtotal Asset I	Disposition			5.20	1,404.00
Meetings of and with Creditors	Communication	าร			
D. L Stuhlsatz  10/09/23  B150  Draft correspondence to creditor seeking update on court's approval of unopposed Motion to Approve a Third Distribution to Claimants, advising as to awaiting Court Order.		0 10	27 00		
Subtotal Meetin Communication		rs		0.10	27.00

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Timekeeper	Date	Task	Narrative	Hours	Amount
M. A Kornfeld	10/10/23	B160	Review, revise Fifteenth Fee Application. (NO CHARGE)	1 00	N/C
M A. Kornfeld	10/11/23	B160	Review, revise Fifteenth Fee Application. (NO CHARGE).	2.00	N/C
M. A Kornfeld	10/13/23	B160	Finalize Fee Application (NO CHARGE).	1.00	N/C
Subtotal Fee/En	nployment			4.00	0.00
Tax Issues					
M. A. Kornfeld	10/06/23	B240	Emails, follow up with B Price on 2022 tax filing.	0 40	175.00
M. A. Kornfeld	11/03/23	B240	Emails, confer attend to administration of banking and tax matters with B. Price.	0 40	175.00
M. A Kornfeld	11/08/23	B240	Emails, communications regarding, attend to administration of tax items throughout day	0.40	175 00
M. A. Kornfeld	11/14/23	B240	Emails with B. Price regarding 2023 tax filings.	0.20	87 50
M A. Kornfeld	<b>C</b>		0.20	87.50	
Subtotal Tax Iss	sues			1.60	700.00
			Total Hours	53 80	

Total Fees

\$10,766 25

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Amount	Due 7	This	Invoice:			\$10,766.25

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#### TIMEKEEPER SUMMARY

Name	Title	Hours	Rate	Amount
L. Humphries	Associate	5.20	270.00	1,404.00
D L. Stuhlsatz	Associate	12.80	270.00	3,456.00
D. L Stuhlsatz	Associate	18.30	N/C	N/C
M A. Kornfeld	Partner	13.50	437.50	5,906.25
M. A Kornfeld	Partner	4.00	N/C	N/C
	Total	53 80		10,766 25



TRUIST Place 401 E Jackson Street, Suite 2400 Tampa, FL 33602-5236

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#### REMITTANCE STATEMENT

MARK KORNFELD, RECEIVER C/O BUCHANAN INGERSOLL & ROONEY SUNTRUST FINANCIAL CENTRE 401 E JACKSON STREET, SUITE 240 ATTN: JORDAN MAGLICH, ESQUIRE TAMPA, FL 33602

January 8, 2024 Invoice No 12280487

Our Reference:

0103373-000001

Client Name.

MARK KORNFELD, RECEIVER

Invoice Date.

January 8, 2024

Invoice Number

12280487

Total Due This Invoice:

\$10,766 25

**Total Due All Invoices For this Matter:** 

\$10,766.25

## PLEASE RETURN THIS REMITTANCE STATEMENT WITH YOUR PAYMENT THANK YOU

Make checks payable to: Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney
Union Trust Building
Attn: Accounting Department
501 Grant Street – Suite 200
Pittsburgh, PA 15219-4413
Tax ID 25-1381032

Wire / ACH Information
PNC Bank, N.A.
Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney Operating Account
Account #: 1133081072
Routing#: 043000096
SWIFT CODE PNCCUS33

Please Reference 0103373-000001 Invoice: 12280487

Amount remitted this payment: \$\_\_\_\_\_

RECENT FEES AND DISBURSEMENTS MAY NOT YET BE ENTERED ON YOUR ACCOUNT AND IF NOT, WILL BE SUBSEQUENTLY BILLED

EXHIBIT "6(b)"



### INVOICE

BILL TO Kinetic Receivership C/O Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney PC Tampa, FL 33602-5236 INVOICE DATE TERMS

DUE DATE

2022480 01/01/2024 Due on receipt \*\* 01/01/2024

	DESCRIPTION			QTY	RATE		AMOUNT
Managed Secure WordPress Hosting	KINETICRECEIVERSHIP.COM			12	60.00		720.00
Managed DNS Services	KINETICRECEIVERSHIP.COM	· •.	٠	12	5.00	•	60.00

BALANCE DUE

\$780.00

EXHIBIT "6(c)"



### Invoice for Services

All funds payable to:

E-Hounds, Inc.

32815 US 19 North Suite 100 Palm Harbor, Florida 34684 support@ehounds.com (727) 726-8985

Open Date	Close Date	Invoice #	Balance Due	Case Re	ference (E9578)	Terms
10/01/2023	10/31/2023	48805	\$495.00		in RE: Kinetic	Due on Receipt
	Invoice to:				Case Contact:	
	BIPC				Buchanan Ingersoll	
1	in RE: Kinetic				Lauren V Humphries	
	401 E. Jackson St				813-222-1141	
	Suite 2400					
- 1	Tampa, FL 33602-52	236				

Q	Date	Expedited	All quantities are based Hourly unless otherwise noted		Tech	Price	Ext
				-1			
1	10/05/2023	E-Ho	unds Review Platform (incl 1 user seat) Courtesy Rate Monthly			\$495.00	\$495.00

All balances are due upon receipt. Thank you! SUBTOTAL Payments Applied TOTAL \$495.00 **Balance Due** 

Please note: Our fees are subject to change annually. Last change: 2/1/2022

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\$495.00

\$495.00

VISA DISCOVER

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Open Date 11/01/2023	Close Date 11/30/2023	Invoice # 48816	Balance Due \$495.00	Case Re	ference (E9578) in RE: Kinetic	Terms	ue on Recei	pt
	Invoice to: BIPC in RE: Kinetic 401 E. Jackson St Suite 2400 Tampa, FL 33602-5236				Case Contact: Buchanan Ingersoll Lauren V Humphries 813-222-1141			
Q Date	Expedited	All quantities	are based Hourly	unless oth	nerwise noted	Tech	Price	Ext
1 11/05/202	3 E-Hounds Review	Platform (incl 1 use	r seat) Courtesy Rate M	onthly			\$495.00	\$495.00

All balances are due upon receipt. Thank you!

SUBTOTAL

\$495.00

Payments Applied

TOTAL

\$495.00

**Balance Due** 

\$495.00

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Open Date	Close Date	Invoice #	Balance Due	Case Reference (E9578)	Terms
12/01/2023	12/31/2023	50312	\$495.00	in RE: Kinetic	Due on Receipt
	Invoice to: BIPC in RE: Kinetic 401 E. Jackson St Suite 2400 Tampa, FL 33602-523	6		Case Contact: Buchanan Ingersoll Lauren V Humphries 813-222-1141	

Price Ext All quantities are based Hourly unless otherwise noted Date 12/05/2023 E-Hounds Review Platform (incl 1 user seat) Courtesy Rate Monthly \$495.00 \$495.00

All balances are due upon receipt. Thank you!

Payments Applied

\$495.00

TOTAL

SUBTOTAL

\$495.00

VISA DISCOVER

**Balance Due** 

\$495.00

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EXHIBIT "6(d)"



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## Mark A. Kornfeld, Esq. Receiver for Kinetic Investment, LLC October 1, 2023 through October 31, 2023

Date	Activity Category	Timekeeper	Description	Hours	Rate	Amoun	t
10/4/2023	Accounting & Auditing	TMW	Emailed Sabrina with questions	0.25	\$125.00	\$ 31.	.25
10/6/2023	Accounting & Auditing	TMW	Emailed Sabrina on transactions	0.25	\$125.00	\$ 31	.25
10/10/2023	Accounting & Auditing	GAH	Reviewed bank transactions	0.50	\$155.00	\$ 77	.50
10/12/2023	Accounting & Auditing	TMW	Printed reports, assembled & sent for review	0.75	\$125.00	\$ 93	.75
10/12/2023	Accounting & Auditing	GAH	Posted expenses on Fund Accounting report	0.25	\$155.00	\$ 38	.75
10/16/2023	Accounting & Auditing	GAH	Reviewed reports	0.75	\$155.00	\$ 116	.25
10/16/2023	Accounting & Auditing	WEP	Rewiewed final report	0.75	\$335.00	\$ 251	.25
10/17/2023	Accounting & Auditing	TMW	Sent report to client	0.25	\$125.00	\$ 31	.25
	Total Accounting & Auditing			3.75		\$ 671	.25
10/10/2023	Consulting	WEP	Reviewed tax status for Receiver	0.75	\$ 335.00	\$ 251	.25
10/24/2023	Consulting	PDR	Valdes, Garcia, Marin & Martinez Invoice #22766			\$ 5,928	.00
	Total Consulting			0.75		\$ 6,179	.25

Total Mark. A. Kornfeld, Esq. Receiver for Kinetic Investment, LLC

4.50

\$ 6,850.50



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## Mark A. Kornfeld, Esq. Receiver for Kinetic Investment, LLC November 1, 2023 through November 30, 2023

Date	Activity Category	Timekeeper	Description	Hours	Rate	-	Amount
11/7/2023	Accounting & Auditing	WEP	Assembled package for payroll tax filing	0.75	\$335.00	\$	251.25
11/30/2023	Accounting & Auditing		Reviewed statements and input missing transaction, reconciled account.	1.50	\$125.00	\$	187.50
	Total Accounting & Auditing			2.25		\$	438.75
11/3/2023	Consulting	PDR	Goldman Antonetti & Cordov3, LLC Invoice #12730 - Bill #3		\$ 1,875.00	\$	1,875.00
	Total Consulting		F 5	0.00		\$	1,875.00

Total Mark. A. Kornfeld, Esq. Receiver for Kinetic Investment, LLC

2.25

\$ 2,313.75

EXHIBIT "6(e)"

#### VALDES, GARCIA, MARIN & MARTINEZ, LLP ADDENDUM TO INVOICE 22766

Date	Description – Hours incurred by Yahaira Feliciano	Time Incurred
May 22, 2023	Introductory call to discuss tax status and requirements.	1
May 25, 2023	Evaluation of information received and brief discussion with Bill Price (US CPA)	.5
June 5, 2023	Call with attorneys Myrna Lozada, Rebecca Cuevas (PR attorneys) and Bill Price (US CPA)	.5
June 8, 2023	Call will Bill Price	.25
June 15, 2023	Review of memo provided by Bill Price, including the details of steps to follow.	.5
July 12, 2023	Review of attorney's memo, call with all the team and review of additional information received for next steps.	2.75
July 17, 2023	Call with Rebecca Cuevas and Bill Price for the determination of the Member and certain expenses to include in the PR income tax return.	.5
July 21, 2023	Review of additional information and call with team.	1.5
July 24, 2023	Answer attorney's questions and review of sale informative forms.	.5
July 31, 2023	Preparation of the income tax return draft.	3.25
August 1, 2023	Preparation of income tax return draft and research for applicability of the 29% vs 20% withholding at source.	2.75
August 2, 2023	Call with team.	1
August 4, 2023	Changes to income tax return draft.	1
August 6, 2023	Emails for income tax drafts and possible need of filing 2019 and 2020 income tax returns.	.25
August 9, 2023	Emails and calls with information and status of payment plan application with the PR Treasury Department.	1.25
August 11, 2023	Call with tax attorney and changes to the income tax draft.	1.25

### VALDES, GARCIA, MARIN & MARTINEZ, LLP ADDENDUM TO INVOICE 22766

August 14, 2023	Call with Lauren Humphries for final documents, filing of income tax return.	1
August 16, 2023	Review and filing letter including facts to be presented with the return filed.	.5
August 17, 2023	Follow up with tax attorney on status of payment plan.	.25
August 22, 2023	Calls with the PR Treasury Department and letter to request debt assessment.	.25
August 25, 2023	Preparation and review of the document to request the payment plan to the PR Treasury Department.	1.5
August 28, 2023	Review of payment plan provided by the PR Treasury Department and recalculation of additional interest included.	.75
	Total hours	23
	Rate	\$220
	Total invoice for Yahaira Feliciano	\$5,060

Date	Description – Hours incurred by María Martínez	Time Incurred
August 2, 2023	Call with team.	1
August 22, 2023	Calls, emails and visits to the PR Treasury Department to coordinate payment of payment plan.	1.75
August 25, 2023	Visit to the PR Treasury Department to continue with the presentation of the payment plan.	2
August 28, 2023	Calls to the PR Treasury Department for review of interests added to payment plan presented.	1
August 29, 2023	Calls and visit to the PR Treasury Department for final instructions on payment plan.	1
	Total hours	6.75
	Rate	\$90
	Total invoice for María Martínez	\$607.50

## VALDES, GARCIA, MARIN & MARTINEZ, LLP ADDENDUM TO INVOICE 22766

Date	Date Description – Hours incurred by Frances Sosa	
August 14, 2023	Preparation of payment plan document.	.25
August 15, 2023	Preparation of payment plan document.	.25
	Total hours	.50
	Rate	\$65
	Total invoice for Frances Sosa	\$32.50

EXHIBIT "6(f)"

## GOLDMAN ANTONETTI & CORDOVA, LLC ATTORNEYS AND COUNSELORS AT LAW

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POST OFFICE BOX 70364 SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO 00936-8364

PDR CPA & Advisors,Inc as acct for Mark Kornfeld, 4023 Tampa Road Suite 2000 Oldsmar FL 34677

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Attn William E Price, CPA

#### FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RENDERED

	Fees	Expenses	<u>Advances</u>	Balance
12730-00001 Scipio, LLC's Filing of				
Transaction, B	asıs for Capıtal Ga	ains or Loss from		
Transaction, E	xpenses to Reduc	e Capital Gains		
Offset or Losse	s to Pass Throug	h		
	1,875 00	0 00	0 00	\$1,875 00

#### **DUE UPON RECEIPT**

Total Waiver Certificate / Federal Tax ID # 66-0230360

Please verify this invoice for accuracy Should you have any claim, please note that no changes and or claims will be accepted once the period of ten days after the date of issuance of the invoice, has elapsed

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Attn William E Price, CPA

Scipio, LLC's Filing of Income Tax Returns, 2022 Transaction, Basis for Capital Gains or Loss from Transaction, Expenses to Reduce Capital Gains Offset or Losses to Pass Through

#### FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RENDERED

			Rate	Hours		
07/06/2023	RCF Video conference with client and Myrna Lo discuss memo prepared to answer certain que related to the sale of property by Scipio in PR		375 00	1 00	375 00	
07/06/2023	MLG Conference call with Scipio team on Puer filings	to Rico	375 00	1 00	375 00	
07/07/2023	RCF Video conference with client and Myrna Lo finalize discussion of memo prepared to answe queries related to the sale of property by Scipio	r certain	375 00	0 50	187 50	
07/07/2023	MLG Additional tax returns sent by Scipio team discuss with tax department, discuss memoran sent to client		375 00	0 50	187 50	
07/14/2023	RCF Reviewed and replied email from CPA Ya Feliciano with additional queries related to the Rico tax return		375 00	0 50	187 50	
07/17/2023	RCF Meeting with Bill Price and Yahaira Felicial discuss different scenarios with Receiver as ow the property for tax purposes, analyzed the new scenarios with receivership documents	ner of	375 00	1 00	375 00	
07/17/2023	MLG Conference call with Scipio's team to disc alternatives for tax filings in Puerto Rico For Current Service	uss	375 00	0 50 5 00	187 50 1,875 00	
Recapitulation						
		Ho <u>urs</u> 3 00 2 00	<u>Rate</u> \$375 00 375 00	\$1,12	T <u>otal</u> 25 00 50 00	

Total Current Work 1,875 00

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PDR CPA & Advisors, Inc as acct for Mark Kornfeld,

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Bill No

3

Scipio, LLC's Filing of Income Tax Returns, 2022 Transaction, Basis for Capital Gains or Loss from Transaction, Expenses to Reduce Capital Gains Offset or Losses to Pass Through

Please Remit \$1,875 00

Please Remit \$1,875 00

#### **DUE UPON RECEIPT**

Total Waiver Certificate / Federal Tax ID # 66-0230360

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## EXHIBIT "7"

### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA TAMPA DIVISION

Case No.: 8:20-cv-394-MSS-SPF

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,

v.

KINETIC INVESTMENT GROUP, LLC and MICHAEL SCOTT WILLIAMS,

Defendants, and

KINETIC FUNDS I, LLC; KCL SERVICES, LLC d/b/a LENDACY; SCIPIO, LLC; LF42, LLC; EL MORRO FINANCIAL GROUP, LLC; and KIH, INC. f/k/a KINETIC INTERNATIONAL, LLC,

Relief Defendants.

**ORDER** 

This cause comes before the Court for consideration of the Receiver's Sixteenth Interim Omnibus Application for Allowance and Payment of Professionals' Fees and Expenses for October 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023 (the "Application") (Doc. \_\_\_\_). The Securities and Exchange Commission does not oppose the requested relief, and Defendant Michael S. Williams takes no position on the requested relief. (*Id.* at 2, 24).

Having considered the Application and being otherwise fully advised, it is

1.	The Application (Doc	) is <b>GRANTED.</b>
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2. The Court awards the following sums and directs that payment be made from Receivership assets:

Mark A. Kornfeld, Esq. and Buchanan	\$ 10,766.25
K-Tek Systems, Inc.	\$ 780.00
E-Hounds	\$ 1,485.00
PDR CPAs + Advisors/Goldman/Valdes	\$ 9,164.25

TOTAL \$22,195.50

**ORDERED** in Tampa, Florida on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

SEAN P. FLYNN UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE