

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
SECRETARY OF STATE  
SECURITIES DEPARTMENT

IN THE MATTER OF: E.K. RILEY  
INVESTMENTS, LLC.

FILE NO. 0400096

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO THE RESPONDENT: E. K. Riley Investments, LLC.  
1201 Third Avenue  
Suite 5300  
Seattle, Washington 98101

You are hereby notified that pursuant to Section 11.F of the Illinois Securities Law of 1953 [815 ILCS 5] (the "Act") and 14 Ill. Adm. Code 130, subpart K, a public hearing will be held at 17 North State Street, Suite 1266, Chicago, Illinois 60602, on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2004, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., or as soon as possible thereafter, before Soula J. Spyropolous, Esq. or such other duly designated Hearing Officer of the Secretary of State.

Said hearing will be held to determine whether an Order shall be entered which would deny E.K. Riley Investments, LLC's (the "Respondent"), registration as a dealer in the State of Illinois and/or granting such other relief as may be authorized under the Act including but not limited to the imposition of a monetary fine in the maximum amount pursuant to Section 11.E of the Act, payable within ten (10) business days of the Order.

The grounds for such proposed action are as follows:

1. That on February 13, 2004 the Respondent filed a BD Form application for registration as a dealer in the State of Illinois.
2. That on March 23, 2004, a Summary Order of Denial (the "Order") was issued by the Secretary of State, denying this application. Pursuant to the terms of the Order, the Respondent requested a hearing on March 31, 2004.

3. That the Respondent is a limited liability company which engages in the business of acting as a dealer in the offer and sale of securities to the general public.
4. That between September 5, 2003 and January 9, 2004 the Respondent effected five (5) purchase transactions in a joint account of two (2) Illinois residents.
5. That Section 8.A of the Act provides, in pertinent part, except as otherwise provided, every dealer shall be registered as such with the Secretary of State.
6. That the activity described in paragraph two (2) above constitutes the activity of a dealer as defined in Section 2.7 of the Act.
7. That during all relevant times, the Respondent was not registered with the Secretary of State as a dealer pursuant to Section 8 of the Act.
8. That Section 12.A of the Act provides, *inter alia*, that it shall be a violation of the provisions of the Act for any person to offer or sell any security except in accordance with the provisions of the Act
9. That Section 12.C of the Act provides, *inter alia*, that it is a violation of the provisions of the Act for any person to act as a dealer, unless registered as such where such registration is required under the provisions of the Act.
10. That by virtue of the foregoing, the Respondent has violated Sections 12.A and 12.C of the Act.
11. That Section 8.E(1)(g) of the Act provides that the registration of a dealer may be denied if such dealer has violated any of the provisions of this Act.
12. That by virtue of the foregoing, the Respondent's registration as a dealer in the State of Illinois is subject to denial pursuant to Section 8.E(1)(g) of the Act.

You are further notified that you are required pursuant to Section 130.1104 of the Rules and Regulations (14 Ill. Adm. Code 130) (the "Rules"), to file an answer to the allegations outlined above within thirty (30) days of the receipt of this notice. A failure to file an answer within the prescribed time shall be construed as an admission of the allegations contained in the Notice of Hearing.

Furthermore, you may be requested by legal counsel; may present evidence; may cross-examine witnesses and otherwise participate. A failure to so appear shall constitute default, unless any Respondent has upon due notice moved for and obtained a continuance.

A copy of the Rules, promulgated under the Act and pertaining to Hearings held by the Office of the Secretary of State, Securities Department, is included with this Notice.

Delivery of notice to the designated representative of any Respondent constitutes service upon such Respondent.

DATED: This 7<sup>th</sup> day of April 2004.



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