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2 3 4	IN THE MATTER OF THE SECURITIES ACT R.S.O. 1990, c. S.5, as amended (the "Act")
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6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16	IN THE MATTER OF ROBERT THOMISLAV ADZIJA, LARRY ALLEN AYRES, DAVID ARTHUR BENDING, MARLENE BERRY, DOUGLAS CROSS, ALLAN JOSEPH DORSEY, ALLAN EIZENGA, GUY FANGEAT, RICHARD JULES FANEAT, MICHAEL HERSEY, GEORGE EDWARD HOLMES, TODD MICHAEL JOHNSTON, MICHAEL THOMAS PETER KENNELLY, JOHN DOUGLAS KIRBY, ERNEST KISS, ARTHUR KRICK, FRANK ALAN LATAM, BRIAN LAWRENCE, LUKE JOHN MCGEE, RON MASSCHAELE, JOHN NEWMAN, RANDALL NOVAK, NORMAND RIOPELLE, ROBERT LOUIS RIZZUTO, AND MICHAEL VAUGHAN
17	IN CAMERA
18	SETTLEMENT HEARING VIA TELECONFERENCE
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20 21	HELD ON: Monday, March 4, 2002
22 23 24 25 26	HELD AT: Ontario Securities Commission 20 Queen Street West 17th Floor Toronto, Ontario
27 28 29	HELD BEFORE: Paul M. Moore, Q.C Chair R. Stephen Paddon, Q.C. Kerry D. Adams
30 31	APPEARANCES:
32 33 34 35 36 37	Tracy Pratt For the Commission Larry Ayres Self-represented Ernest Kiss Self-represented Arthur Krick Self-represented Ron Masschaele Self-represented Michael Vaughan Jerome Collins

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1	Upon commencing at 10:00 a.m.
2	CHAIR: This proceeding is a settlement
3	hearing at the Ontario Securities Commission in the matter
4	of Robert Thomislav Adzija, Larry Allen Ayres, David
5	Arthur Bending, Marlene Berry, Douglas Cross, Allan Joseph
6	Dorsey, Allan Eizenga, Guy Fangeat, Richard Jules Fangeat,
7	Michael Hersey, George Edward Holmes, Todd Michael
8	Johnston, Michael Thomas Peter Kennelly, John Douglas
9	Kirby, Ernest Kiss, Arthur Krick, Frank Alan Latam, Brian
10	Lawrence, Luke John McGee, Ron Masschaele, John Newman,
11	Randall Novak, Normand Riopelle, Robert Louis Rizzuto and
12	Michael Vaughan.
13	We have before us settlement agreements
14	from the staff on the one part and one for Mr. Krick, one
15	for Mr. Kiss, one for Mr. Ayres, one for Mr. Vaughan and
16	one for Mr. Massachaele, and those are the matters that we
17	will be dealing with this morning.
18	My name is Paul Moore. I'm a vice-chair of
19	the Ontario Securities Commission. I will be acting as
20	chair of this panel. To my left is Commissioner Adams and
21	to my right is Commissioner Paddon. Counsel, would you
22	introduce yourself, please?
23	MS. PRATT: Yes. It's Tracy Pratt here for
24	staff, and with me is Paul De Souza, who is an
25	investigator in the enforcement branch.

1	I understand that we've got all the
2	respondents on the line and perhaps we can just go through
3	this to make sure they're there. Ernest Kiss?
4	MR. KISS: Yes.
5	MS. PRATT: Larry Ayres?
6	MR. AYRES: Yes.
7	MS. PRATT: Arthur Krick?
8	MR. KRICK: Yes.
9	MS. PRATT: Ron Masschaele?
LO	MR. MASSCHAELE: Yes.
L1	MS. PRATT: And Jerry Collins is
L2	representing Mr. Vaughan.
L3	MR. COLLINS: That's correct, and
L4	Mr. Vaughan is with me here.
L5	MS. PRATT: Thank you.
L6	I understand that three of the respondents
L7	at the outset would like to request for an in camera
L8	hearing and I will let them to speak to that. I
L9	understand that Mr. Ayres, Kiss and Masschaele would like
20	to make that request.
21	CHAIR: Before they speak to it, what is
22	staff's position on that request?
23	MS. PRATT: Staff is taking no position on
24	those requests.

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CHAIR: No position on that request. Just

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Τ	one minute.	
2	V	We do not need to hear from counsel. We
3	will grant the m	motion and we will go in camera.
4	-	IN CAMERA COMMENCES.
5	N	MS. PRATT: Thank you. And I would just
6	like to point ou	at rule 6 of the practice guidelines that
7	talks that the r	reasons would also be delivered in camera
8	in the event tha	at the settlements are rejected.
9	C	CHAIR: That is understood.
10	N	MS. PRATT: Thank you.
11	E	Briefly then, in terms of background, the
12	Notice of Hearin	ng in this matter was issued on September
13	24th, 1998, and	that's found at tab 2 of the submissions
14	of staff filed w	with the Commission.
15	P	As you have noted, there are 25 respondents
16	in this matter.	In staff's view, there is a continuum of
17	misconduct among	g these respondents. The respondents that
18	are before you t	today fall, in staff's view, on the low end
19	of the continuum	n.
20	ר	The statement of allegations is at tab 3 of
21	the brief. On S	September 24th, 1998 there was also a
22	temporary order	issued by this commission. That is found
23	at tab 4 of the	submissions.
24	V	With respect to the respondents before the

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panel today, the Commission ordered that certain

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registration exemptions under the Act did not apply. This
order has been extended from time to time. It is in place
today and is in place to the conclusion of a hearing or
until further order of the Commission.
Staff has entered into settlement
agreements with each of the five respondents before the
Commission. The facts are fairly straightforward. They
are set out in each of the settlement agreements.
All of the respondents sold Saxton
securities to Ontario investors. None of these
respondents were registered with the Commission to sell
securities. Further, prospectuses were not filed and no
prospectus exemptions were available to the Saxton group
of companies. Therefore, these respondents all
participated in an illegal distribution of the Saxton
securities.
All of these respondents cooperated with
staff's investigation of this matter from the outset. All

All of these respondents cooperated with staff's investigation of this matter from the outset. All have recognized their misconduct, agreed to sanctions, as set out in the settlement agreements, and in so doing, staff has avoided the necessity of a full hearing. There are some mitigating factors that relate to each of the respondents, and that's set out in the submissions.

What I was going to propose to do, unless there were some general questions that related to the

1	facts that relate to every respondent, I was going to deal
2	with each respondent separately, make a couple of
3	submissions. Then if the respondent would like to say
4	something, they could do so and then answer any questions.
5	CHAIR: That would be fine. Please proceed
6	on the cases.
7	MS. PRATT: And perhaps what would be
8	useful is to turn to page 3 of the written submissions.
9	That's at tab 1 of the brief, page 3, under the heading
10	Circumstances Relevant to Settlements. And I'll begin
11	with Mr. Kiss.
12	Mr. Kiss sold to three Ontario investors
13	Saxton securities in the total amount of approximately a
14	hundred thousand dollars. That's the only additional
15	information beyond what I have already set out that
16	applies to all respondents.
17	Mr. Kiss, would you like to make any
18	submissions?
19	MR. KISS: Well, the only thing I could say
20	is that, as you know, I was told that I was the
21	shareholder of Saxton and just that I didn't need to be
22	registered since I was selling company-owned securities,
23	as it wouldn't be mentioned that they were securities, and
24	I guess that's probably the only thing I have to say at
25	this point that is relevant

1	MS. PRATT: Does the panel have any
2	questions relating to Mr. Kiss?
3	CHAIR: I'm not sure I heard completely.
4	Could you repeat what you said, please?
5	MR. KISS: Yes. I was under the
6	understanding that as a shareholder of even one share of
7	Saxton, the investment that was being sold would since
8	I was a shareholder of the company, I was basically
9	selling my own investments and I didn't need to register
10	for that reason. So I had no idea that this was the
11	requirement.
12	CHAIR: Okay. So you weren't aware of the
13	requirement?
14	MR. KISS: No.
15	CHAIR: Okay. Thank you.
16	MS. PRATT: I might add that what Mr. Kiss
17	has just said does not form part of the statement of
18	facts, but staff is satisfied that that information go to
19	the panel.
20	CHAIR: Thank you.
21	MS. PRATT: Moving on then to Mr. Ayres, in
22	addition to the comments I have already made, Mr. Ayres
23	sold to approximately 18 or 19 investors, for a total
24	amount of a hundred thousand dollars excluding securities
25	sold to his own immediate family. Mr. Ayres and his

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1	family invested significantly themselves in the Saxton
2	securities, and at this point presumably there will be a
3	significant loss given what we know about the value of the
4	Saxton assets as set out in the settlement agreement.
5	Mr. Ayres, would you like to make any
6	submissions?
7	MR. AYRES: I would like to say that I
8	didn't think that I was doing anything wrong at that time.
9	We had a meeting with Luke McGee and Michael Tibolla at
10	Ron Masschaele's house at one time, and we asked them
11	point blank if we sold this, that we would need a licence,
12	and they explained to us that we wouldn't, and I guess had
13	I known that this was not, you know, the thing to do, I
14	certainly wouldn't have done it. I guess that's about all
15	I have to say.
16	MS. PRATT: Again, these are facts outside
17	of the settlement agreement, but staff is satisfied that
18	they go before the panel.
19	I may just add, for the panel's
20	information, Mr. McGee, whom Mr. Ayres just referenced, is
21	Luke John McGee, one of the other respondents in this
22	matter. Mr. McGee was the vice-president of Saxton and a
23	lawyer.
24	Does the panel have any questions?
25	CHAIR: Just to clarify, there is no

1	settlement agreement with Mr. McGee today?
2	MS. PRATT: There is not, correct.
3	CHAIR: Thanks. No questions.
4	MS. PRATT: On that point, there are no
5	other settlement agreements with any of the other named
6	respondents at this point.
7	Moving on then to Mr. Krick, Mr. Krick sold
8	to 17 Ontario investors Saxton securities in the total
9	amount of approximately \$292,000. Mr. Krick did inform
10	each purchaser of the Saxton securities that that
11	investment was speculative.
12	Mr. Krick, do you wish to make any
13	submissions?
14	MR. KRICK: Yes. When I got involved in
15	this in 1997
16	MS. PRATT: Sorry, we can't hear you,
17	Mr. Krick. Can you please speak up a bit louder?
18	MR. KRICK: Can you hear me now?
19	MS. PRATT: That's better. Thank you.
20	MR. KRICK: When I got involved in 1997
21	through the Dorsey Insurance Group, I understood that it
22	was a speculative business and it will pay dividends out
23	at ten-and-a-half, ten-and-a-quarter percent
24	MS. PRATT: Sorry, we're having some
25	difficulties catching your words, Mr. Krick.

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MR. KRICK: So I started doing all of this back in '97 through the Dorsey Insurance Group in Brantford, and I understood then it was a speculative -- a risk involved, but nobody mentioned to me -- I asked Luke McGee and Al Eizenga if I needed a security licence. It was like a GIC, five year, money paid They said no. out, and so, therefore, I went ahead, and I knew there was some risk involved in Cuba and there could be, well, no problem like this down the road, but that there was to be a risk and there might, and that's why I never took people -- too much money at one time, and it turned out a big problem. MS. PRATT: Okay. Again, Mr. Krick's comments speak to facts outside of the settlement Staff is satisfied that they be considered. Mr. Krick mentioned a Mr. Eizenga. That is Allan Eizenga, one of the named respondents in this matter. Mr. Eizenga was the president of Saxton. I also believe Mr. Krick mentioned the Dorsey Group out of Brantford. He's referencing another of the respondent's, Allan Joseph Dorsey, and I believe that Randall Novak was also part of the Dorsey Group out of Brantford, again,

Finally, Mr. Krick mentioned Cuba, and you will see in the facts of the settlement agreement a

other respondents in this matter.

1 reference to Saxton had held out to the public that it was investing in entities in Cuba and other Caribbean 2 countries, and that is what Mr. Krick is referencing. 3 MR. PADDON: Did anybody, any of the 5 investors get any money back? MS. PRATT: At this point I don't believe 6 7 they have. There is an underlying business in Cuba and again, staff is not aware of all of the details, but it's 8 referenced in the statement of facts that there was some 9 10 business going on in Cuba and as I understand it, that 11 business or a part of that business is still operating. know that there is an ongoing effort by certain investors 12 13 to seek restitution of their monies but as I understand 14 it, that has not proved fruitful to this point. 15 And, counsel, I believe that agreed CHAIR: 16 fact number 6 is that in early 1999 KPMG reported that the 17 offering corporations had raised approximately 37 million from investors. All funds invested in the offering 18 19 corporations had been transferred to Saxton. At that time, KPMG held the view that the value of the Saxton 20 21 assets at its highest as reported by related companies was 22 approximately \$5.5 million. That's correct, but we don't 23 MS. PRATT: 2.4 have anymore recent information than what's in the 25 settlement agreement.

1	CHAIR: Thank you.
2	MS. PRATT: Moving on then to Mr. Vaughan,
3	Mr. Vaughan sold the Saxton securities to two Ontario
4	investors for an approximate total of \$35,000.
5	Mr. Collins, did you wish to make any
6	submissions on behalf of your client?
7	MR. COLLINS: Just a minor one. This is
8	Jerry Collins speaking from St. Thomas. Mr. Vaughan is
9	with me. I would reiterate some of the things that you
10	have already heard.
11	Mr. Vaughan waited about three years before
12	getting involved in this. He watched it from the
13	sidelines and saw some very major investors in this city
14	get involved. When he was convinced that the investment
15	was on the up-and-up and only then did he get involved and
16	he addressed Robert Adzija, one of the respondents, as
17	well as Richard Fangeat, another respondent, with pointed
18	questions about whether these were securities, whether a
19	licence was required, and was advised that, no, because
20	they were shares in a company that he held shares in, he
21	wouldn't need to be registered.
22	He is a licensed insurance broker under
23	RIBO and certainly would have had no intention selling
24	these securities against the law and had he any idea that

it would have been. I think that that is pretty well all

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1 that we would have to put forth. 2 MS. PRATT: Thank you. I think that Mr. Collins pointed out quite 3 rightly that both Mr. Adzija and Mr. Fangeat, those are both named respondents in this matter, and again, the 5 facts recounted to you by Mr. Collins are not within the 6 7 body of the settlement agreement, but staff is satisfied that they be considered by the panel. 8 9 I might just mention Mr. Fangeat at some 10 point held a position at Saxton. He effectively was the 11 leader of the salespeople, if I can put it that way. 12 CHAIR: Thank you. 13 MS. PRATT: So maybe we can move on to 14 Mr. Masschaele? 15 CHATR: Yes. 16 MS. PRATT: Mr. Masschaele then sold the 17 Saxton securities to thirty-odd Ontario investors for an approximate total value of \$550,000, when you exclude the 18 19 securities sold to Mr. Masschaele's direct family. Like Mr. Ayres, Mr. Masschaele and his family made a 20 21 significant investment in the Saxton securities, which at 22 this point appears to be a loss for Mr. Masschaele. 23 Mr. Masschaele, do you wish to make any

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MR. MASSCHAELE: I'd like to turn the clock

submissions to the panel?

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1 back about three years. I believe again, like Larry said, 2 that we had Mr. McGee visit my house and Mr. Tibolla --3 MS. PRATT: Sorry to interrupt, 4 Mr. Masschaele, but we're having problems hearing you, so perhaps if you could talk a little bit more slowly and a 5 little louder. Thank you. 6 7 MR. MASSCHAELE: I'll talk louder. Like I said, the things that Larry Ayres 8 9 said, that we had Mr. McGee at my house and Mr. Tibolla 10 and at that time then we asked them, you know, could we 11 sell this, and they were asking us to sell the product and 12 they said it was no problem. It was under the seed cap 13 They did it in 1993. So we were assuming corporation. 14 that everything was up above board, otherwise, believe me, 15 there would be no way we would put our family's money, 16 including our friends' money, into this thing at all. 17 Just like everybody else has said, we just didn't know at the time. 18 19 MS. PRATT: Was the panel able to understand Mr. Masschaele? 20 21 CHAIR: Yes. Yes, we were. 22 Okay. And the only name, I MS. PRATT: believe, that Mr. Masschaele raised that we haven't heard 23

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respondent. At one point he was the president of Saxton.

before is Mr. Tibolla. Mr. Tibolla is not a named

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1	MR. MASSCHAELE: Also a lawyer.
2	MS. PRATT: Pardon me?
3	MR. MASSCHAELE: Also a lawyer.
4	MS. PRATT: Yes.
5	MR. MASSCHAELE: So we were trusting all
6	these lawyers.
7	MS. PRATT: Does the panel have any
8	questions as it relates to Mr. Masschaele?
9	CHAIR: No questions.
10	MS. PRATT: In conclusion then, with a view
11	to the Commission's mandate and the principles relevant to
12	sanctions, staff is of the view that these settlements are
13	in the public interest and that the sanctions are
14	commensurate with the misconduct in these circumstances.
15	CHAIR: Thank you, counsel. Any questions?
16	MR. PADDON: No questions.
17	CHAIR: Any questions? We will take a
18	five-minute adjournment and then we will come back with
19	our decision.
20	MS. PRATT: Thank you.
21	Adjournment commencing at 10:24 a.m.
22	Upon resuming at 10:28 a.m.
23	CHAIR: The panel has decided that we will
24	approve these settlement agreements as being in the public
25	interest. Part of the sanction is a reprimand of the

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respondents.

Normally we would insist that the respondents be physically present; however, they are present by telephone. In this case we think it's appropriate, for convenience, to have a telephone hearing, but I would normally ask the respondents to stand; however, please remain seated.

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We're satisfied that each of the respondents has learned their lesson and there's no reason to believe that there's going to be a repeat. We believe that the sanctions are appropriate. We feel that in some respects each of the respondents has been a victim, but ignorance of the law is no excuse.

This situation has shown the absolute necessity for independent verification. It's not enough to get persons involved in a transaction, even if they are professionals, to give opinions as to whether things are right or not. People who have a conflict of interest, because they are investors themselves or promoters, are not really a good source of due diligence. So that it's unfortunate that the right questions were asked but they were not asked of the right people; and had independent counsel been asked the questions, the answers wouldn't have been without conflict of interest; and if competent counsel were asked, different answers would have been

1 given. 2 The second thing is once each of you brought in others, families, friends, then not only were 3 4 you victims but you also became maybe willing or unknowingly, but you became perpetrators. 5 participated in unregistered activity, and the law is 6 7 clear that this is not to be permitted, and we have to 8 make sure that appropriate sanctions are in place so that 9 this will not happen again and the proper message will be 10 sent to others. 11 So we believe, partly in view of the time 12 that you have been struggling with this matter, we think 13 the sanctions are appropriate in the circumstances. 14 think you have learned your lesson, and we don't chastise 15 you but we do reprimand you. Anything further to be added, Commissioner 16 17 Adams? MS. ADAMS: 18 No. 19 CHAIR: Commissioner Paddon? 20 MR. PADDON: No. 21 CHAIR: Do counsel wish to make any further 22 statements? 23 MS. PRATT: No, that's fine. Thank you. 2.4 CHATR: Then this matter is terminated and

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Thank you.

we will sign the order.

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1	MS. PRATT: Thank you. So it's now over.
2	But just so that the people on the telephone understand
3	what's happening, the orders are being signed as we speak.
4	I will send to each of you a copy of the signed order.
5	The order takes effect as of today and so the sanctions
6	will commence as of today.
7	Does anyone have any questions about that?
8	Mr. Kiss?
9	MR. KISS: No, that's fine.
10	MS. PRATT: Mr. Krick?
11	MR. KRICK: That's fine.
12	MS. PRATT: Mr. Ayres?
13	MR. AYRES: That's fine.
14	MS. PRATT: Mr. Masschaele?
15	MR. MASSCHAELE: No problem.
16	MS. PRATT: Mr. Collins?
17	MR. COLLINS: Yes, that's fine.
18	MS. PRATT: Okay. Thank you very much
19	then. You can now hang up.
20	Whereupon hearing is concluded at 10:32 a.m.
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