UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF CONNECTICUT

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE)	
COMMISSION,)	
)	3:15 CV 1760 (JAM)
Plaintiff,)	
)	
v.)	ANSWER
)	
HOMERO JOSHUA GARZA, et al.,)	
)	
Defendants.)	

Defendant Homero Joshua Garza ("Defendant"), by his attorneys, Ballard Spahr LLP, for his Answer to the above-captioned Complaint, states:

- 1. Defendant is aware of an investigation by the United States Attorney for the District of Connecticut into the same subject matter as alleged in the Complaint.
- 2. Accordingly, on the advice of counsel, Defendant respectfully declines to answer the allegations set forth in the Complaint, based on his rights under the Fifth Amendment to the United States Constitution.
- 3. Defendant reserves the right to amend this Answer upon the resolution of any criminal investigation or related proceedings.

Dated: New York, New York February 7, 2017

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