

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
before the
COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION**

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In the Matter of:)	
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Whistleblower Award Application of)	CFTC Whistleblower Award
Applicant (“Applicant”))	Determination No. 16-WB-02
– Form WB-APP)	
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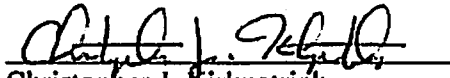
ORDER

Attached is the Commodity Futures Trading Commission Determination pertaining to the whistleblower award application of Applicant (“Applicant”), submitted on Form WB-APP

Pursuant to the Commission’s Whistleblower Rules (17 C.F.R. Part 165 (2015)), the Whistleblower Award Determination Panel is authorized to make whistleblower award determinations for the Commission. Therefore, as set forth in the attached, it is the Determination and Final Order of the Commission that the whistleblower award application be denied.

In accordance with 7 U.S.C. § 26(f) (2012) and 17 C.F.R. § 165.13 (2015), if you wish to appeal this Final Commission Determination and Order, you must appeal to the appropriate court of appeals of the United States not more than 30 days after this Final Order of the Commission is issued.

Decision Issued: November 13, 2015



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WHISTLEBLOWER AWARD DETERMINATION

Before the Whistleblower Award Determination Panel of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("Commission") is the whistleblower award application of Applicant ("Applicant"), submitted on WB-APP _____, referenced above.

IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED that:

1. The award application is denied because the information the Applicant submitted did not contain "original information," which is information that is not already known to the CFTC and is derived either from a whistleblower's independent knowledge or a whistleblower's independent analysis. 7 U.S.C. §§ 26(a)(4), 26(b)(1); 17 C.F.R. §§ 165.2(k), 165.5(a)(2). The information the Applicant provided does not meet the standard for original information because it was already known to the Commission and therefore the Applicant is not eligible for an award.

2. Furthermore, Applicant's WB-APP did not lead to the successful resolution of a covered Commission judicial or administrative action or a related action as required by Section 165.3(a) of the Commission's Whistleblower Rules. See 17 C.F.R. § 165.3(a).

PUBLIC VERSION

Dated: November 12, 2015

**Whistleblower Award Determination Panel
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