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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

JUDGE RAKOFF

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,

v.

VITESSE SEMICONDUCTOR CORPORATION,
LOUIS R. TOMASETTA, EUGENE F. HOVANEC,
YATIN D. MODY, AND NICOLE R. KAPLAN,

Defendants.

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JUDGMENT AS TO DEFENDANT YATIN D. MODY

The Securities and Exchange Commission having filed a Complaint and Defendant Yatin D. Mody having entered a general appearance; consented to the Court's jurisdiction over Defendant and the subject matter of this action; consented to entry of this Judgment without admitting or denying the allegations of the Complaint (except as to jurisdiction); waived findings of fact and conclusions of law; and waived any right to appeal from this Judgment:

I.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Defendant and Defendant's agents, servants, employees, attorneys, and all persons in active concert or participation with them who receive actual notice of this Judgment by personal service or otherwise are permanently restrained and enjoined from violating Section 17(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 (the "Securities Act") [15 U.S.C. § 77q(a)] in the offer or sale of any security by the use of any means or instruments of transportation or communication in interstate commerce or by use of the mails, directly or indirectly:

- (a) to employ any device, scheme, or artifice to defraud;
- (b) to obtain money or property by means of any untrue statement of a material fact or any omission of a material fact necessary in order to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; or
- (c) to engage in any transaction, practice, or course of business which operates or would operate as a fraud or deceit upon the purchaser.

II.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Defendant and Defendant's agents, servants, employees, attorneys, and all persons in active concert or participation with them who receive actual notice of this Judgment by personal service or otherwise are permanently restrained and enjoined from violating, directly or indirectly, Section 10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act") [15 U.S.C. § 78j(b)] and Rule 10b-5 promulgated thereunder [17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5], by using any means or instrumentality of interstate commerce, or of the mails, or of any facility of any national securities exchange, in connection with the purchase or sale of any security:

- (a) to employ any device, scheme, or artifice to defraud;
- (b) to make any untrue statement of a material fact or to omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements made, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; or
- (c) to engage in any act, practice, or course of business which operates or would operate as a fraud or deceit upon any person.

III.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Defendant and Defendant's agents, servants, employees, attorneys, and all persons in active concert or participation with them who receive actual notice of this Judgment by personal service or otherwise are permanently restrained and enjoined from violating Section 13(b)(5) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78m(b)(5)] by knowingly circumventing or knowingly failing to implement a system of internal accounting controls or knowingly falsifying any book, record, or account described in Section 13(b)(2) of Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78m(b)(2)].

IV.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Defendant and Defendant's agents, servants, employees, attorneys, and all persons in active concert or participation with them who receive actual notice of this Judgment by personal service or otherwise are permanently restrained and enjoined from, violating directly or indirectly, Exchange Act Rule 13b2-1 [17 C.F.R. § 240.13b2-1] by falsifying, or causing to be falsified, any book, record or account subject to Section 13(b)(2)(A) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78m(b)(2)(A)].

V.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Defendant and Defendant's agents, servants, employees, attorneys, and all persons in active concert or participation with them who receive actual notice of this Judgment by personal service or otherwise are permanently restrained and enjoined from violating Exchange Act Rule 13b2-2 [17 C.F.R. § 240.13b2-2] by, directly or indirectly:

- (a) making or causing to be made a materially false or misleading statement, or omitting to state or causing another person to omit to state any material fact

- necessary in order to make such statements true, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading, to an accountant in connection with the following: (i) any audit, review or examination of the financial statements of an issuer, or (ii) in the preparation or filing of any document or report required to be filed with the Commission; or
- (b) taking action, or directing another to take action, to coerce, manipulate, mislead, or fraudulently influence any independent public or certified public accountant engaged in the performance of an audit or review of an issuer's financial statements required to be filed with the Commission, while knowing or while it should have been known that such action, if successful, could result in rendering the issuer's financial statements materially misleading.

VI.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Defendant and Defendant's agents, servants, employees, attorneys, and all persons in active concert or participation with them who receive actual notice of this Judgment by personal service or otherwise are permanently restrained and enjoined from violating Exchange Act Rule 13a-14 [17 C.F.R. § 240.13a-14], directly or indirectly, by falsely signing personal certifications indicating that they have reviewed periodic reports containing financial statements which an issuer filed with the Commission pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78m(a)] and that, based on their knowledge,

- (a) these reports do not contain any untrue statement of material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by the report; and

- (b) that information contained in these reports fairly present, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of the issuer's operations.

VII.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Defendant and Defendant's agents, servants, employees, attorneys, and all persons in active concert or participation with them who receive actual notice of this Judgment by personal service or otherwise are permanently restrained and enjoined from aiding and abetting any violation of Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78m(a)] and Exchange Act Rules 12b-20, 13a-1, and 13a-13 [17 C.F.R. §§ 240.12b-20, 240.13a-1, and 240.13a-13] by knowingly providing substantial assistance to an issuer that, in violation of such provisions, files or causes to be filed with the Commission any information, document or report which contains any untrue statement of a material fact, which omits to state any material fact necessary in order to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, or which omits to disclose any information required to be disclosed.

VIII.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that Defendant and its agents, servants, employees, attorneys, and all persons in active concert or participation with any of them who receive actual notice of this Judgment, by personal service or otherwise, are permanently restrained and enjoined from aiding and abetting any violation of Sections 13(b)(2)(A) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78m(b)(2)(A)] by knowingly providing substantial assistance to an issuer that has a class of securities registered pursuant to Section 12 of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78l], or that is required to file reports pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78o(d)], which, in violation of such provision, fails to make and keep books, records, and accounts, which, in

reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and disposition of the assets of the issuer.

IX.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that Defendant and its agents, servants, employees, attorneys, and all persons in active concert or participation with any of them who receive actual notice of this Judgment, by personal service or otherwise, are permanently restrained and enjoined from aiding and abetting any violation of Sections 13(b)(2)(B) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78m(b)(2)(B)] by knowingly providing substantial assistance to an issuer which has a class of securities registered pursuant to Section 12 of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78l], or that is required to file reports pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78o(d)], which, in violation of such provision, fails to devise and maintain a system of internal accounting controls sufficient to provide reasonable assurances that:

- (a) transactions are executed in accordance with management's general or specific authorization;
- (b) transactions are recorded as necessary (i) to permit preparation of financial statement in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles or any other criteria applicable to such statements; and (ii) to maintain accountability for assets;
- (c) access to assets is permitted only in accordance with management's general or specific authorization; and
- (d) the recorded accountability for assets is compared with the existing assets at reasonable intervals and appropriate action is taken with respect to any differences.

X.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that, pursuant to Section 20(e) of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. § 77t(e)] and Section 21(d)(2) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78u(d)(2)], Defendant is prohibited from acting as an officer or director of any issuer that has a class of securities registered pursuant to Section 12 of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78l] or that is required to file reports pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78o(d)].

XI.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Defendant is liable for disgorgement of \$105,604, representing profits gained as a result of the conduct alleged in the Complaint, together with prejudgment interest thereon in the amount of \$56,716, for a total of \$162,320. Defendant shall satisfy this obligation by paying \$162,320, pursuant to the terms of the payment schedule set forth in paragraph XII below, after entry of this Judgment by certified check, bank cashier's check, or United States postal money order payable to the Securities and Exchange Commission. The payment shall be delivered or mailed to the Office of Financial Management, Securities and Exchange Commission, Operations Center, 6432 General Green Way, Mail Stop 0-3, Alexandria, Virginia 22312, and shall be accompanied by a letter identifying Yatin D. Mody as a defendant in this action; setting forth the title and civil action number of this action and the name of this Court; and specifying that payment is made pursuant to this Judgment. Defendant shall simultaneously transmit photocopies of such payment and letter to the Commission's counsel in this action. Defendant shall pay post-judgment interest on any delinquent amounts pursuant to 28 USC § 1961. The Commission shall remit the funds paid pursuant to this paragraph to the United States Treasury.

XII.

Yatin D. Mody shall pay \$162,320 in four payments according to the following schedule: (1) Initial Payment of \$40,580, to be paid within 14 days of entry of this Judgment plus post-judgment interest pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1961; (2) a First Installment payment of \$20,870, plus post-judgment interest pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1961, to be paid within 116 days after the Initial Payment; (3) a Second Installment payment of \$20,870, plus post-judgment interest pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1961, to be paid within 116 days after the First Installment; (4) a Final Payment of \$80,000, plus post-judgment interest pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1961, to be paid within 118 days after the Second Installment, such that the Final Payment will be paid by the 364th day after entry of this Judgment.

If Yatin D. Mody fails to make any payment by the date agreed and/or in the amount agreed according to the schedule set forth above, all outstanding payments under this Judgment, including post-judgment interest, minus any payments made, shall become due and payable immediately without further application to the Court.

XIII.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that, upon motion of the Commission, the Court shall determine ^{by no later than 12/31/12} whether a civil penalty pursuant to Section 20(d) of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. § 77t(d)] and Section 21(d)(3) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78u(d)(3)] is appropriate and, if so, the amount of the penalty. Defendant agrees that in connection with the Commission's motion for civil penalties, and at any hearing held on such a motion: (a) Defendant will be precluded from arguing that Defendant did not violate the federal securities laws as alleged in the Complaint; (b) Defendant may not challenge the validity of this Consent or the Judgment; (c) solely for the purposes of such motion, the allegations of the Complaint shall be accepted as and deemed true by the Court; and (d) the Court may determine the issues raised in the

motion on the basis of affidavits, declarations, excerpts of sworn deposition or investigative testimony, and documentary evidence, without regard to the standards for summary judgment contained in Rule 56(c) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. In connection with the Commission's motion for civil penalties, the parties may take discovery, including discovery from appropriate non-parties.

XIV.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that the Consent of Defendant Yatin D. Mody is incorporated herein with the same force and effect as if fully set forth herein, and that Defendant shall comply with all of the undertakings and agreements set forth therein.

XV.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that this Court shall retain jurisdiction of this matter for the purposes of enforcing the terms of this Judgment.

XVI.

There being no just reason for delay, pursuant to Rule 54(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Clerk is ordered to enter this Judgment forthwith and without further notice.

Dated: 3/21/11



UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE



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C.A. No. ___-___ (...)

CONSENT OF DEFENDANT YATIN D. MODY

1. Defendant Yatin D. Mody ("Defendant") waives service of a summons and the complaint in this action, enters a general appearance, and admits the Court's jurisdiction over Defendant and over the subject matter of this action.

2. Without admitting or denying the allegations of the complaint (except as to personal and subject matter jurisdiction, which Defendant admits), Defendant hereby consents to the entry of the final Judgment in the form attached hereto (the "Final Judgment") and incorporated by reference herein, which, among other things:

- (a) permanently restrains and enjoins Defendant from violations of Section 17(a) of the Securities Act of 1933; Sections 10(b) and 13(b)(5) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act") and Exchange Act Rules 10b-5, 13a-14, 13b2-1, and 13b2-2; and aiding and abetting violations of Exchange Act Sections 13(a), 13(b)(2)(A), and 13(b)(2)(B) and Exchange Act Rules 12b-20, 13a-1, 13a-13;

- (b) orders Defendant to pay disgorgement in the amount of \$105,604 plus prejudgment interest thereon in the amount of \$56,716, for a total of \$162,320; and
- (c) prohibits Defendant from serving as an officer or director of any issuer of a security registered pursuant to Section 12 of the Exchange Act or that is required to file reports pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act.

3. Defendant agrees that, upon motion of the Commission, the Court shall determine whether a civil penalty pursuant to Section 20(d) of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. § 77t(d)] and Section 21(d)(3) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78u(d)(3)] is appropriate and, if so, the amount of the penalty. Defendant agrees that in connection with the Commission's motion for civil penalties, and at any hearing held on such a motion: (a) Defendant will be precluded from arguing that Defendant did not violate the federal securities laws as alleged in the Complaint; (b) Defendant may not challenge the validity of this Consent or the Final Judgment; (c) solely for the purposes of such motion, the allegations of the Complaint shall be accepted as and deemed true by the Court; and (d) the Court may determine the issues raised in the motion on the basis of affidavits, declarations, excerpts of sworn deposition or investigative testimony, and documentary evidence, without regard to the standards for summary judgment contained in Rule 56(c) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. In connection with the Commission's motion for civil penalties, the parties may take discovery, including discovery from appropriate non-parties.

4. Defendant waives the entry of findings of fact and conclusions of law pursuant to Rule 52 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

5. Defendant waives the right, if any, to a jury trial and to appeal from the entry of the Final Judgment.

6. Defendant enters into this Consent voluntarily and represents that no threats, offers, promises, or inducements of any kind have been made by the Commission or any member, officer, employee, agent, or representative of the Commission to induce Defendant to enter into this Consent.

7. Defendant agrees that this Consent shall be incorporated into the Final Judgment with the same force and effect as if fully set forth therein.

8. Defendant will not oppose the enforcement of the Final Judgment on the ground, if any exists, that it fails to comply with Rule 65(d) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and hereby waives any objection based thereon.

9. Defendant waives service of the Final Judgment and agrees that entry of the Final Judgment by the Court and filing with the Clerk of the Court will constitute notice to Defendant of its terms and conditions. Defendant further agrees to provide counsel for the Commission, within thirty days after the Final Judgment is filed with the Clerk of the Court, with an affidavit or declaration stating that Defendant has received and read a copy of the Final Judgment.

10. Consistent with 17 C.F.R. 202.5(f), this Consent resolves only the claims asserted against Defendant in this civil proceeding. Defendant acknowledges that no promise or representation has been made by the Commission or any member, officer, employee, agent, or representative of the Commission with regard to any criminal liability that may have arisen or may arise from the facts underlying this action or immunity from any such criminal liability. Defendant waives any claim of Double Jeopardy based upon the settlement of this proceeding, including the imposition of any remedy or civil penalty herein. Defendant further acknowledges that the Court's entry of a permanent injunction may have collateral consequences under federal or state law and the rules and regulations of self-regulatory organizations, licensing boards, and

other regulatory organizations. Such collateral consequences include, but are not limited to, a statutory disqualification with respect to membership or participation in, or association with a member of, a self-regulatory organization. This statutory disqualification has consequences that are separate from any sanction imposed in an administrative proceeding. In addition, in any disciplinary proceeding before the Commission based on the entry of the injunction in this action, Defendant understands that he shall not be permitted to contest the factual allegations of the complaint in this action.

11. Defendant understands and agrees to comply with the Commission's policy "not to permit a defendant or respondent to consent to a judgment or order that imposes a sanction while denying the allegation in the complaint or order for proceedings." 17 C.F.R. § 202.5. In compliance with this policy, Defendant agrees: (i) not to take any action or to make or permit to be made any public statement denying, directly or indirectly, any allegation in the complaint or creating the impression that the complaint is without factual basis; and (ii) that upon the filing of this Consent, Defendant hereby withdraws any papers filed in this action to the extent that they deny any allegation in the complaint. If Defendant breaches this agreement, the Commission may petition the Court to vacate the Final Judgment and restore this action to its active docket. Nothing in this paragraph affects Defendant's: (i) testimonial obligations; or (ii) right to take legal or factual positions in litigation or other legal proceedings in which the Commission is not a party.

12. Defendant hereby waives any rights under the Equal Access to Justice Act, the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996, or any other provision of law to seek from the United States, or any agency, or any official of the United States acting in his or her official capacity, directly or indirectly, reimbursement of attorney's fees or other fees,

expenses, or costs expended by Defendant to defend against this action. For these purposes, Defendant agrees that Defendant is not the prevailing party in this action since the parties have reached a good faith settlement.

13. In connection with this action and any related judicial or administrative proceeding or investigation commenced by the Commission or to which the Commission is a party, Defendant agrees to cooperate fully and truthfully, regardless of the time period in which the cooperation is required; provided, however, that, absent Defendant's consent, Defendant will not have to comply with items (b), (c), or (d) of this paragraph before May 1, 2011. The full, truthful, and continuing cooperation of Defendant shall include, but not be limited to:

- (a) producing all non-privileged documents and other materials to the Commission as requested by counsel for the Commission, wherever located, in the possession, custody, or control of the Defendant;
- (b) appearing for interviews, at such times and places, as requested by counsel for the Commission;
- (c) responding fully and truthfully to all inquiries, when requested to do so by counsel for the Commission, in connection with these proceedings;
- (d) testifying at trial and other judicial proceedings, when requested to do so by counsel for the Commission, in connection with these proceedings;
- (e) accepting service by mail or facsimile transmission of notices or subpoenas for documents or testimony at depositions, hearings, trials or in connection with these proceedings;
- (f) appointing her undersigned attorney as agent to receive service of such notices and subpoenas; and

- (g) consenting to personal jurisdiction over Defendant in any United States District Court for purposes of enforcing any such subpoena and waiving the territorial limits on service contained in Rule 45 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and any applicable local rules, when requested to appear by counsel for the Commission.

If Defendant breaches this agreement, the Commission may petition the Court to vacate the Final Judgment and restore this action to its active docket.

14. Defendant agrees that the Commission may present the Final Judgment to the Court for signature and entry without further notice.

15. Defendant agrees that this Court shall retain jurisdiction over this matter for the purpose of enforcing the terms of the Final Judgment.

Dated: Nov. 19, 2010 *Yatin D. Mody*
Yatin D. Mody

On Nov. 19th, 2010, Yatin D. Mody, a person known to me, personally appeared before me and acknowledged executing the foregoing Consent.



H. Eftekhari
Notary Public
Commission expires: 08/22/2011

Approved as to form:

Roland G. Riopelle, Esq.
Sercarz & Riopelle, LLP
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Attorney for Defendant

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Dated: _____

Yatin D. Mody

On _____, 2010, _____, a person known to me, personally appeared before me and acknowledged executing the foregoing Consent.

Notary Public
Commission expires:

Approved as to form:



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