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# **Amended Notice of Hearing**

## Michael Savage ^

### Section 161 of the Securities Act, RSBC 1996, c. 418

- ¶ 1 The Commission will hold a hearing at which the Executive Director will tender evidence, make submissions and apply for orders against Michael Savage (Savage) ^ under sections 161, 162 and 174 of the *Securities Act*, RSBC 1996, c. 418.
- ¶ 2 The Executive Director alleges that the following conduct and activity was contrary to the public interest:

## The Respondent^

1. At material times, Savage \(^{\text{was a}}\) resident\(^{\text{o}}\) of British Columbia.

#### Fraud

- 2. In March 2000, <u>Savage</u> purported to sell to investors shares in a entity named Savage Tele.com Corporation.
- 3. Eight investors (the Investors) paid a total of \$765,000 USD to <u>Savage</u> for these shares and entered into share subscription agreements <u>purportedly</u> <u>with</u> Savage Tele.com Corporation.
- 4. The Investors entered into the subscription agreements in reliance upon misrepresentations made by <u>Savage</u>, including the false claim that Savage Tele.com Corporation had been incorporated in British Columbia, the State of Delaware, or both.
- 5. In fact, Savage Tele.com Corporation did not exist and the Investors received nothing in return for their investments.
- 6. The Investors demanded the return of their money. ^ <u>Savage</u> refused and instead fraudulently conveyed the Investors' funds to ^ <u>his</u> personal bank account^ <u>and those of other individuals</u> in order to put the money out of the reach of the Investors.

#### **Other Misrepresentations**

7. ^ Savage made further misrepresentations to the Investors, both orally and in a business plan pertaining to Savage Tele.com Corporation (the Business Plan). These included the following false or prohibited statements:

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- (a) shares in Savage Tele.com Corporation were, or were going to be, listed on the National Association of Securities Dealers Quotation system;
- (b) the Business Plan was a prospectus;
- (c) Savage Tele.com Corporation had acquired two local internet service providers; and
- (d) Savage Tele.com Corporation was authorized by the Canadian Radiotelevision and Telecommunications Commission to operate as a competitive local exchange carrier.

#### **Breaches of the Act**

- 8. Through ^ <u>his</u> conduct and the activity described in this Notice of Hearing, ^ <u>Savage</u>:
  - (a) traded in securities without being registered under the Act, contrary to section 34(1) of the Act;
  - (b) distributed securities without having filed a prospectus, contrary to section 61 of the Act;
  - (c) made statements that they each knew, or ought to have known, were misrepresentations, contrary to section 50(1)(d) of the Act; and
  - (d) participated in a series of transactions that they knew, or ought reasonably to have known, perpetrated a fraud, contrary to section 57.1(b) of the Act.

#### **Hearing Process**

- ¶ 3 At the Hearing, ^ <u>Savage</u> may be represented by counsel, make submissions and tender evidence. ^ <u>Savage</u> ^ <u>is</u> requested to advise the Commission of ^ <u>his</u> intention to attend the Hearing by informing the Commission Secretary at PO Box 10142, Pacific Centre, 701 West Georgia Street, Vancouver, BC V7Y 1L2 phone: (604) 899-6500; email: commsec@bcsc.bc.ca.
- ¶ 4 ^ <u>Savage</u> or ^ <u>his</u> counsel ^ <u>is</u> required to attend at the 12th Floor Hearing Room, 701 West Georgia Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, on Wednesday,

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August 17, 2005, at 10:00 am if  $^{he}$  wishes to be heard before the Commission sets a date for the Hearing.

- ¶ 5 Determinations may be made in this matter if ^ <u>Savage</u>, or ^ <u>his</u> counsel, do not appear at the Hearing.
- ¶ 6 October 31, 2005
- ¶ 7 Brenda M. Leong Executive Director