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|           | vs.   | EQUITABLE RELIEF AGAINST                       |  |
| 16        | EUROBANCORP, et al.   | DEFENDANT DELESSEPPES                          |  |
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|           | Defendants.   | THIS CONSTITUTES NOTICE OF ENTRY               |  |
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| 20        | INTRODUCTION  |  |  |
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| 22        | On February 3, 2003, plaintiff, the United States Commodity Futures   |  |  |
| 23        | Trading Commission ("CFTC" or the "Commission"), filed a complaint against  |  |  |
|           | Defendant Paris DeLesseppes ("DeLesseppes") and others alleging violations of   |  |  |
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| 25        | the Commodity Exchange Act (the "Act"), 7 U.S.C. § 1 et seq. and the regulations  |  |  |
|           | promulgated thereunder ("Regulation   | ons"), 17 C.F.R. § 1.1 et seq. On February 26, |  |

2003, this Court entered an Order of Preliminary Injunction Enjoining Defendant From Violating the Commodity Exchange Act.

II.

#### **CONSENTS AND AGREEMENTS**

In accordance with her written consent, made a part of this Order, and to effect settlement of this action without a trial on the merits or further judicial proceedings, DeLesseppes consents to this Order Of Permanent Injunction And Other Equitable Relief Against Defendant DeLesseppes ("Order"). DeLesseppes also: (1) acknowledges service upon her of the summons and complaint in this action; (2) admits that this Court possesses personal and subject matter jurisdiction over her and this action; (3) admits that venue properly lies with this Court; and (4) waives the entry of findings of fact and conclusions of law in this action pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 52, except the findings of fact contained in this Order, which shall be taken as true and correct and shall be given preclusive effect without further proof for use in any bankruptcy proceeding filed by, on behalf of, or against DeLesseppes, as further described below.

By consenting to the entry of this Order, DeLesseppes neither admits nor denies the allegations of the CFTC's complaint or the findings of fact and conclusions of law made by this Court and contained in this Order, except as to jurisdiction and venue. However, DeLesseppes agrees, and the parties to this Order intend, that the allegations of the CFTC's complaint and all of the findings of fact made by this Court and contained in this Order shall be taken as true and correct and shall be given preclusive effect without further proof in any bankruptcy proceeding filed by, on behalf of, or against DeLesseppes for the purpose of determining whether her restitution obligation and/or other payments ordered

DeLesseppes agrees that: (a) she will not take any action or make or permit to be made any public statement denying, directly or indirectly, any allegation in the Complaint or finding or conclusion contained in this Order, or creating, or tending to create, the impression that this Order is without factual basis; (b) no agent or employee of DeLesseppes acting under her authority or control shall take any action or make or permit to be made any public statement denying, directly or indirectly, any of the findings or conclusions in this Order or creating, or tending to create, the impression that any allegation in the Complaint or this Order is without factual basis; and (c) she shall undertake all steps necessary to ensure that all of her agents and employees understand and comply with this Order. This provision shall not affect DeLesseppes' testimonial obligations or right to take legal positions in other proceedings to which the CFTC is not a party.

DeLesseppes consents and agrees to waive: (a) all claims that she may possess pursuant to the Equal Access to Justice Act ("EAJA"), 5 U.S.C. § 504 and 28 U.S.C. § 2412, as amended by Pub. L. No. 104-121, §§ 231-32, 110 Stat. 862-63, and Part 148 of the CFTC's Regulations, 17 C.F.R. §§ 148.1 et seq., relating to or arising from this action and any right pursuant to EAJA to seek costs, fees, and other expenses relating to or arising from this proceeding; (b) any claim of Double Jeopardy based upon the institution of this proceeding or the entry in this proceeding of any order imposing a civil monetary penalty or any other relief; and (c) all rights of appeal from this Order.

DeLesseppes consents to the continued jurisdiction of this Court for the purpose of enforcing the terms and conditions of this Order.

DeLesseppes affirms that she has read this Order and agrees to this Order voluntarily, and that no promise or threat of any kind has been made by the CFTC or any member, officer, agent, or representative thereof, or by any other person, to induce her consent to this Order.

#### III.

### FINDINGS OF FACT

This Court, being fully advised in the premises, finds that there is good cause for the entry of this Order and that there is no just reason for delay. This Court therefore directs the entry of findings of fact, a permanent injunction, and other equitable relief pursuant to Section 6c of the Act, 7 U.S.C. § 13a-1, as set forth herein.

### A. Jurisdiction and Venue

- 1. This Court has jurisdiction over this action pursuant to Section 6c of the Act, 7 U.S.C. § 13a-1, which authorizes the CFTC to seek injunctive relief against any person whenever it shall appear to the CFTC that such person has engaged, is engaging, or is about to engage in any act or practice constituting a violation of any provision of the Act or any rule, regulation or order thereunder.
- 2. Venue properly lies with this Court pursuant to Section 6c of the Act, 7 U.S.C. § 13a-1(e), in that DeLesseppes is found in, inhabits, or transacts business in this district, and the acts and practices in violation of the Act occurred within this district.

## B. <u>Parties to This Order</u>

- 3. Plaintiff, the CFTC, is the independent federal regulatory agency charged with the administration and enforcement of the Act, 7 U.S.C. § 1 et seq., and the Regulations promulgated thereunder, 17 C.F.R. § 1.1 et seq.
- 4. Defendant DeLesseppes resides at 317 N. Palm Drive, Apartment 2E, Beverly Hills, California 90209. She has never been registered with the CFTC in any capacity.

### C. <u>Background</u>

- 5. From January 2001 through February 8, 2001, Defendant Global Interbank, Inc. ("Global") and from February 8, 2001 through January 2002, Euro Bancorp, violated the Act by offering and selling illegal foreign currency futures contracts to members of the retail public.
- 6. From approximately February 8, 2001 through August 1, 2001,
  DeLesseppes, acting on behalf of Euro Bancorp, managed foreign currency trading
  accounts and issued false statements to the holders of foreign currency trading
  accounts that falsely represented the trading in those accounts was profitable, when
  in fact the accounts were losing money. Specifically, Defendant John Lassen
  ("Lassen") and DeLesseppes made false statements to Euro Bancorp customers
  regarding profits and investment risk.

## D. Reliant Global Markets

 Reliant Global Markets, LLC ("RGM") is a foreign currency trading firm located in California. From July 2000 until November 2000, DeLesseppes traded foreign currency for RGM's customers through RGM's accounts at Midland Euro and FXCM.

- 8. During this time period, RGM provided false account statements and made false oral representations to customers indicating that their accounts had been profitable.
- 9. Despite these representations, when customers attempted to close or transfer their RGM accounts RGM informed them in writing that their accounts could not be liquidated because the customers had margin deficits ranging from approximately \$4000 to approximately \$67,000.

## E. Global Interbank's Operation

- 10. In November 2000, DeLesseppes moved from RGM and became a principal of Global.
- 11. Global, incorporated in November 2000, is a consulting firm claiming to specialize in the trading of foreign currencies. Global's brochure and website describe Global's participation in the interbank market as "dedicated to providing unquestionable financial security and stability... by depositing client funds in FDIC insured-segregated 'escrow' accounts...."
- 12. From November 2000 to February 8, 2001, Global account executives solicited relatives and/or friends, as well as other members of the retail public, to open trading accounts at Global.
- 13. Global customers sent their funds directly to Global, made payable to Global, and Global deposited those funds into accounts in Global's name.
- 14. Global traded customer accounts through an omnibus account in Global's name at Gain Capital, Inc. ("Gain"), a registered FCM. No individual accounts were established at Gain in the names of any of Global's customers.
- 15. In January 2001, Global and DeLesseppes told their employees that Euro Bancorp was taking over Global's business.

- 16. DeLesseppes told Global's account executives that they would continue to trade the Global customer accounts under the name of Euro Bancorp.
- 17. In or about March 2001, a former RGM employee and his father, a prospective customer, met at Euro Bancorp's office with Lassen, the chairman of Global's successor, Euro Bancorp, and DeLesseppes, the CEO of Euro Bancorp. DeLesseppes told the prospective customer that they would use "conservative" trading strategies at Euro Bancorp.
- 18. As a result of DeLesseppes and Lassen's oral representations and the information contained in the Euro Bancorp brochure, the customer invested \$50,000 with Global. Global subsequently transferred the funds to Euro Bancorp, and opened an account to be traded by DeLesseppes.

### F. Euro Bancorp's Operation

- 19. Eurobanc represents that Euro Bancorp is a subsidiary of Eurobanc. Eurobanc claims to be "a leading global financial firm that serves business, government and individual clients through a range of sophisticated advisory, financing, trading and investment capabilities . . . throughout the world through its subsidiaries and affiliates."
  - 20. Lassen is the Chairman of Euro Bancorp and DeLesseppes is the CEO.
- 21. Euro Bancorp solicited funds from members of the retail public for the purpose of engaging in speculative trading of futures on foreign currency contracts. Customers sent funds directly to Euro Bancorp, made payable to Euro Bancorp. Euro Bancorp deposited those customer funds in accounts in the name of Euro Bancorp.

- 22. Euro Bancorp traded customers' accounts through an omnibus account in Euro Bancorp's name at Gain. Individual accounts were never established at Gain in the names of any of Euro Bancorp's customers.
- 23. In some cases, new customers opened accounts or existing customers invested additional money as a result of the misrepresentations which led them to believe that trading was profitable.
- 24. Some customers who discovered they had lost funds at RGM trading with DeLesseppes met with Lassen and DeLesseppes in early May 2001, at which time DeLesseppes told one of the customers that if she opened an account at Euro Bancorp, DeLesseppes could recover her money by re-opening the positions she had held at RGM. Lassen told the same customer that they could recover her investment if she opened an account at Euro Bancorp.
- 25. After one Global customer transferred his account from Global to Euro Bancorp, he received account statements from Euro Bancorp between March and June 2001 indicating that his account was averaging a 60% return on his investment. Based upon those account statements, the account holder's son, an employee of Euro Bancorp, prompted his father to invest an additional \$25,000 at Euro Bancorp in June 2001.
- 26. Over the next few months, from approximately April 2001 to September 2001, Lassen and DeLesseppes told the account holder's son that his father's \$75,000 investment had increased to over \$115,000. The father later received two inconsistent statements showing balances of \$90,000 and \$86,000; neither statement reflected his second deposit of \$25,000.

- 27. In November 2001, the father requested that his account be liquidated for the lower amount of approximately \$86,000. He never received any money from Euro Bancorp.
- 28. At least three other Euro Bancorp customers received account statements on an irregular basis showing that the trading in their respective accounts had been profitable. These customers all requested between June and November 2001 that their accounts be closed and that their respective balances be returned. Euro Bancorp failed to refund any money to the customers.
- 29. Additional customers of Euro Bancorp, some of whom had been RGM customers, received account statements from Euro Bancorp that falsely represented that the trading in their accounts was profitable when, in fact, the omnibus account was losing money.
- 30. On or about August 1, 2001, DeLesseppes ceased working for Euro Bancorp.
- 31. In total, Euro Bancorp solicited over \$300,000 from retail customers and has failed to return most, if not all, of that money.
- G. Defendants' Contracts Constitute Futures Contracts
- 32. Sections 2(c)(2)(B)(i) and (ii) of the Act, 7 U.S.C. § 2, provide that the Commission shall have jurisdiction over an agreement, contract or transaction in foreign currency that is a sale of a commodity for future delivery, so long as the contract is "offered to, or entered into with, a person that is not an eligible contract participant" unless the counter-party, or the person offering to be the counter-party, is a regulated entity, as defined in the Commodity Futures Modernization Act.
- 33. Section 1a(12)(A)(xi) of the Act, 7 U.S.C. § 1, defines an eligible contract participant as an individual who has total assets in excess of: (a) \$10

million, or (b) \$5 million and who enters the transaction to manage the risk associated with an asset owned or a liability incurred, or reasonably likely to be owned or incurred. At least some, if not all, of the foreign currency futures transactions alleged herein were offered to or entered into with persons who were not eligible contract participants.

- 34. The Defendants are not proper counterparties for retail foreign currency transactions, and therefore the Commission has jurisdiction over the transactions in retail foreign currency alleged herein.
- 35. The foreign currency contracts that Defendants market concern the purchase or sale of commodities for future delivery at prices or using pricing formulas that are established at the time the contracts are initiated, and may be fulfilled through offset, cancellation, cash settlement or other means to avoid delivery.
- 36. The Defendants market these contracts to the general public. The customers who purchase these futures contracts have no commercial need for the foreign currency. Instead, customers enter into these transactions to speculate and profit from anticipated price fluctuations in the markets for these currencies.
- 37. Customers do not anticipate taking—and do not take—delivery of the foreign currencies they purchase as a consequence of these investments. If the market moves in a favorable direction, a customer expects to liquidate his or her investment by authorizing the sale of the contract and taking the profits.
- 38. Customers do not negotiate individual purchase agreements with Defendants. The rules for margin calls, and other terms and conditions of Defendant's contracts, as set by Defendants, are standardized. The contracts sold by each of Defendants require customers to pay a predetermined portion of the

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total contract price as a "margin" payment when the contract is purchased, and require customers to make an additional "margin" payment if adverse changes in the market price of the commodities cause the equity in their respective accounts to fall below a specified percentage.

- 39. Defendants do not conduct their foreign currency futures transactions on or subject to the rules of a board of trade that has been designated by the Commission as a contract market, nor are any of these transactions executed or consummated by or through a member of such a contract market. Defendants do not conduct their transactions on a facility registered as a derivatives transaction execution facility.
- H. Violation of § 4(a) of the Act: Offer and Sale of Off-Exchange Commodity **Futures Contracts**
- 40. From at least February 8, 2001 to August 1, 2001, Defendants offered to enter into, entered into, executed, confirmed the execution of, or conducted an office or business in the United States for the purpose of soliciting, accepting any order for, or otherwise dealing in transactions in, or in connection with, a contract for the purchase or sale of a commodity for future delivery when (a) such transactions have not been conducted on or subject to the rules of a board of trade which has been designated by the Commission as a contract market for such commodity, and (b) such contracts have not been executed or consummated by or through a member of such contract market, in violation of Section 4(a) of the Act, 7 U.S.C. § 6(a).

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# I. Violations of § 4b(a)(i)-(iii) of the Act and § 1.1(b) of CFTC Regulations 17 C.F.R. §1.1(b): Fraud and Deceit in the Sale of Off-Exchange Futures Contracts

41. From at least February 8, 2001 to August 1, 2001, DeLesseppes, and from March 2001 to the present, Euro Bancorp and Lassen, in or in connection with orders to make, or the making of, contracts of sale of commodities for future delivery, made or to be made, for or on behalf of any other persons, where such contracts for future delivery were or could be used for the purposes set forth in § 4b(a) of the Act, 7 U.S.C. § 6b(a), have: (i) cheated or defrauded or attempted to defraud other persons; (ii) willfully made or caused to be made to other persons false reports or statements thereof, or willfully entered or caused to be entered for other persons false records thereof; and (iii) willfully deceived or attempted to deceive other persons, all in violation of §§ 4b(a)(i)-(iii) of the Act, 7 U.S.C. §§ 6b(a)(i)-(iii) and CFTC Regulation 1.1(b), 17 C.F.R. §1.1(b).

IV.

## PERMANENT INJUNCTION

The injunctive provisions of this Order shall be binding upon DeLesseppes, any person insofar as he or she is acting in the capacity of officer, agent, servant, or attorney of DeLesseppes, and any person who receives actual notice of this Order by personal service or otherwise insofar as he or she is acting in active concert or participation with DeLesseppes.

#### IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- 1. DeLesseppes is permanently restrained, enjoined, and prohibited from directly or indirectly:
  - a. cheating or defrauding or attempting to cheat or defraud other persons, willfully deceiving or attempting to deceive other persons

by making false, deceptive or misleading representations or material facts, by failing to disclose material facts, and by misappropriating customer funds in or in connection with orders to make, or the making of, contracts of sale of commodities for future delivery, made or to be made for or on behalf of any other person in violation of Section 4b(a) of the Act, 7 U.S.C. § 6b(a), and CFTC Regulation 1.1(b), 17 C.F.R. § 1.1(b); and

b. offering to enter into, entering into, executing, confirming the execution of, or conducting business for the purpose of soliciting, accepting any order for, or otherwise dealing in any transaction in, or in connection with a contract for the purchase or sale of a commodity for future delivery when: (1) such transactions have not been conducted on or subject to the rules of a board of trade designated as a contract market or derivative transaction execution facility by the CFTC for such commodity, and (2) such contracts have not been executed or consummated by or through a member of such contract market or derivatives transaction facility in violation of Section 4(a) of the Act, 7 U.S.C. § 6(a).

#### IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT:

- 2. DeLesseppes is permanently restrained, enjoined, and prohibited from:
  - a. trading on or subject to the rules of any registered entity, as that term is defined in Section 1a(29) of the Act, as amended by the CFMA, 7 U.S.C. § 1a(29);

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- b. engaging in, controlling, or directing the trading of any futures or options accounts for or on behalf of any other person or entity, whether by power of attorney or otherwise; and
  - applying for registration, seeking exemption from registration, engaging in any activity requiring registration or exemption from registration, except as provided for in Section 4.14(a)(9) of the CFTC's Regulations, or acting in any capacity or affiliate in any way with any individual or entity that is registered, is required to be registered, or is exempt from registration with the CFTC, except as provided for in Section 4.14(a)(9) of the CFTC's Regulations, or is acting in any capacity requiring registration with the CFTC or exemption from registration, except as provided in Section 4.14(a)(9) of the CFTC's Regulations.

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## FINAL MONETARY JUDGMENT

#### IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED:

### A. Restitution

- 1. DeLesseppes is liable for restitution in the amount of \$333,769.31, plus pre- and post-judgment interest. DeLesseppes' restitution obligation will be reduced by any amount of restitution payments made by Defendant Lassen, whether made voluntarily or pursuant to order of this Court.
- 2. Pre-judgment interest will be determined by using the underpayment rate established quarterly by the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") pursuant to 26 U.S.C. § 662(a)(2) from August 2001 to the date of this Order. Post-judgment

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interest will be determined by using the Treasury Bill rate prevailing on the date of this Order pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1961(a).

- 3. The National Futures Association is designated as Monitor to oversee any restitution payments made by DeLesseppes pursuant to this Order.
- 4. Any restitution payments by DeLesseppes will be by electronic funds transfer, or by U.S. postal money order, certified check, bank cashier's check, or bank money order, made payable to the National Futures Association and sent to Vice President, Compliance; National Futures Association; 200 West Madison Street; Chicago, IL 60606, under cover of a letter that identifies DeLesseppes and the name and docket number of this proceeding. DeLesseppes will simultaneously transmit a copy of the cover letter and the form of payment to the Monitor and to the Director, Division of Enforcement, U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 1155 21st Street, NW, Washington, DC 20581.
- 5. The Monitor will distribute funds obtained from DeLesseppes in an equitable fashion as determined by the Monitor to all persons who gave funds, either directly or indirectly, to Defendants as a result of their course of illegal conduct alleged in the Complaint and any other investor upon sufficient proof of his or her investment with DeLesseppes.

## Civil Monetary Penalty

- 1. A civil monetary penalty ("CMP") is ordered against DeLesseppes in the amount of \$240,000.
- 2. Any payments by DeLesseppes in satisfaction of her CMP obligation will be by electronic funds transfer, or by U.S. postal money order, certified check, bank cashier's check, or bank money order, made payable to the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission and sent to Dennese Posey, Division of Enforcement,

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Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21<sup>st</sup>

Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20581, under cover of a letter that identifies

DeLesseppes and the name and docket number of this proceeding. DeLesseppes
will simultaneously transmit a copy of the cover letter and the form of payment to
the Monitor and to the Director, Division of Enforcement, U.S. Commodity

Futures Trading Commission, 1155 21<sup>st</sup> Street, NW, Washington, DC 20581.

### C. Third-Party Beneficiaries

1. Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 71, the investors explicitly are made intended third-party beneficiaries of this Order and may enforce obedience of this Order to obtain satisfaction of any portion of the restitution obligation which has not been paid by DeLesseppes, and to hold DeLesseppes in default and/or contempt for any past violation of any provision of this Order.

VI.

## OTHER PROVISIONS

#### IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT:

- Jurisdiction of this Court: This Court shall retain jurisdiction of this
  cause to assure compliance with this Order and for all other purposes related to this
  action.
- 2. <u>Waiver</u>: The failure of any party to this Order or of any investor at any time to require performance of any provision of this Order shall in no manner affect the right of the party or investor to enforce the same or any other provision of this Order at a later time. No waiver in one or more instances of the breach of any provision contained in this Order shall be deemed or construed as a further or continuing waiver of such breach or waiver of the breach of any other provision of this Order.

| 3.         | Successors and Assigns:    | This Order shall inure to the benefit of and be    |
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| binding t  | pon the successors, assign | ns, heirs, beneficiaries, and administrators of al |
| parties to | this Order.                |  |

4. Acknowledgements: Upon being served with a copy of this Order after entry by this Court, DeLesseppes shall sign an acknowledgment of service and serve the acknowledgment on this Court and the CFTC within seven (7) calendar days.

Upon being served with a copy of this Order after entry by the Court, the CFTC shall serve a copy of the Order upon the Monitor within seven (7) calendar days.

- 5. <u>Invalidation</u>: If any provision, or the application of any provision of this Order is held invalid, the remainder of this Order and the application of the provision to any other person or circumstance shall not be affected by the holding.
- 6. <u>Integration</u>: This Order incorporates all of the terms and conditions of the settlement of the parties to this Order. Nothing shall serve to amend or modify this Order in any respect, unless (1) reduced to writing, (2) signed by all parties hereto, and (3) approved by order of this Court.

Done and Ordered this 19 day of Mr 2004, at

S. JAMES OTERO UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Order Of Permanent Injunction And Other Equitable Relief Against Defendant Paris DeLesseppes consented to and approved for entry by:

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