

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

CASE NO. 09-20215-CIV-HUCK/O'SULLIVAN

INVERSIONES MAR OCTAVA LIMITADA and
MARCELO GUILLERMO TESTA, On Behalf of
Themselves and All Others Similarly Situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

BANCO SANTANDER S.A., BANCO
SANTANDER INTERNATIONAL, OPTIMAL
INVESTMENT SERVICES S.A.,
PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS, HSBC
SECURITIES SERVICES (IRELAND) LTD.,
HSBC INSTITUTIONAL TRUST SERVICES
(IRELAND) LTD., MANUEL ECHEVERRÍA
FALLA, ANTHONY L.M. INDERRIEDEN, and
BRIAN WILKINSON,

Defendants.

**ORDER FOR APPOINTMENT AS LEAD PLAINTIFF AND
APPROVAL OF PROPOSED LEAD PLAINTIFF'S SELECTION OF COUNSEL**

Having considered the motion of Inversiones Mar Octava Limitada, International Harvester Ltd., and San Javier International Limited, (collectively, the “Santander Investor Group”) for appointment as lead plaintiff and approval of selection of lead counsel, the memorandum of law in support thereof, the Declaration of Joel H. Bernstein in support thereof, and good cause appearing therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The motion is granted.

2. This order (the “Order”) shall apply to the above-captioned action (the “Action”) and to each case that relates to the same subject matter that is subsequently filed in this Court or is transferred to this Court and is consolidated with the Action.

3. A Master File is established for this proceeding. The Master File shall be Case No. 09-20215-CIV-HUCK/O’SULLIVAN. The Clerk shall file all pleadings in the Master File and note such filings on the Master Docket.

4. An original of this Order shall be filed by the Clerk in the Master File.

5. The Clerk shall mail a copy of this Order to counsel of record in the Action.

6. Every pleading in the Action shall have the following caption:

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SECURITIES-OPTIMAL LITIGATION

7. The Court requests the assistance of counsel in calling to the attention of the Clerk of this Court the filing or transfer of any case that might properly be consolidated as part of the Action.

8. When a case that arises out of the same subject matter of the Action is hereinafter filed in this Court or transferred from another Court, the Clerk of this Court shall:

- A. File a copy of this Order in the separate file for such action;
- B. Mail a copy of this Order to the attorneys for the plaintiff(s) in the newly-filed or transferred case and to any new defendant(s) in the newly-filed case; and
- C. Make the appropriate entry in the Master Docket for the Action.

9. Each new case that arises out of the subject matter of the Action which is filed in this Court or transferred to this Court, shall be consolidated with the Action and this Order shall apply thereto, unless a party objects to consolidation, as provided for herein, or any provision of this Order, within ten (10) days after the date upon which a copy of this Order is served on counsel for such party, by filing an application for relief and this Court deems it appropriate to grant such application. Nothing in the forgoing shall be construed as a waiver of the defendants' right to object to consolidation of any subsequently-filed or transferred related action.

10. Santander Investor Group is appointed to serve as lead plaintiff in the above-captioned action pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 78u-4(a)(3)(B).

11. Labaton Sucharow LLP and Coughlin Stoia Geller Rudman & Robbins LLP are hereby approved as lead counsel pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 78u-4(a)(3)(B)(v). Lead counsel shall have the authority to speak for all plaintiffs and class members in all matters regarding the litigation including, but not limited to, pre-trial proceedings, motion practice, trial and settlement, and shall make all work assignments in such a manner as to facilitate the orderly and efficient prosecution of this litigation and to avoid duplicative or unproductive effort. Additionally, lead counsel shall have the following responsibilities:

- A. to brief and argue motions;

B. to initiate and conduct discovery, including, without limitation, coordination of discovery with defendants' counsel, the preparation of written interrogatories, requests for admissions, and requests for production of documents;

C. to direct and coordinate the examination of witnesses in depositions;

D. to act as spokesperson at pretrial conferences;

E. to call and chair meetings of plaintiffs' counsel as appropriate or necessary from time to time;

F. to initiate and conduct any settlement negotiations with counsel for defendants;

G. to provide general coordination of the activities of plaintiffs' counsel and to delegate work responsibilities to selected counsel as may be required in such a manner as to lead to the orderly and efficient prosecution of this litigation and to avoid duplication or unproductive effort;

H. to consult with and employ experts;

I. to receive and review periodic time reports of all attorneys on behalf of plaintiffs, to determine if the time is being spent appropriately and for the benefit of plaintiffs, and to determine and distribute plaintiffs' attorneys' fees; and

J. to perform such other duties as may be expressly authorized by further order of this Court.

12. Hanzman Gilbert LLP is hereby approved as liaison counsel

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: April 17, 2009


U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE