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**IN THE MATTER OF THE *SECURITIES ACT*,  
R.S.O. 1990, c. S.5, as amended**

**- and -**

**IN THE MATTER OF**

**GROUND WEALTH INC., MICHELLE DUNK,  
ADRION SMITH, JOEL WEBSTER, DOUGLAS DeBOER,  
ARMADILLO ENERGY INC., ARMADILLO ENERGY, INC.,  
and ARMADILLO ENERGY, LLC (aka ARMADILLO ENERGY LLC)**

**ORDER**

**WHEREAS** the Ontario Securities Commission (the “Commission”) issued a temporary order on July 27, 2011 (the “Temporary Order”) pursuant to subsections 127(1) and 127(5) of the *Securities Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. S.5, as amended (the “Act”) that:

1. Pursuant to paragraph 2 of subsection 127(1) of the Act, all trading in the securities of Armadillo Energy Inc. (“the Armadillo Securities”) shall cease;
2. Pursuant to paragraph 2 of subsection 127(1) of the Act, Armadillo Energy Inc. (“Armadillo Texas”), Ground Wealth Inc. (“GWI”), Paul Schuett (“Schuett”), Doug DeBoer (“DeBoer”), James Linde (“Linde”), Susan Lawson (“Lawson”), Michelle Dunk (“Dunk”), Adrion Smith (“Smith”), Bianca Soto (“Soto”) and Terry Reichert (“Reichert”) (collectively, the “Respondents to the Temporary Order”) shall cease trading in all securities; and
3. Pursuant to subsection 127(6) of the Act, the Temporary Order shall take effect immediately and shall expire on the fifteenth day after its making unless extended by order of the Commission;

**AND WHEREAS** on August 11, 2011, the Commission held a hearing to consider whether it was in the public interest to extend the Temporary Order, and heard submissions from Staff of the Commission (“Staff”) and counsel to the Respondents to the Temporary Order;

**AND WHEREAS** on August 11, 2011, the Commission extended the Temporary Order to February 13, 2012 (the “Amended Temporary Order”) on the same terms and conditions as provided for in the Temporary Order; provided that the Temporary Order shall not prevent a Respondent from trading for the Respondent’s own account, solely through a registered dealer or a registered dealer in a foreign jurisdiction (which dealer must be given a copy of the Amended Temporary Order), in (a) any “exchange traded security” or “foreign exchange traded security” within the meaning of National Instrument 21-101, provided the Respondent does not own beneficially or exercise control or direction over more than 5 per cent of the voting or equity securities of the issuer of any such securities, or (b) any security issued by a mutual fund that is a reporting issuer; and provided the Respondent provides Staff with the particulars of the accounts in which such trading is to occur before any trading in such accounts occurs;

**AND WHEREAS** on February 8, 2012, the Commission held a hearing to consider whether it was in the public interest to extend the Amended Temporary Order pursuant to subsections 127(7) and 127(8) of the Act, and heard submissions from Staff and from counsel to the Respondents to the Temporary Order;

**AND WHEREAS** on February 8, 2012, the Commission extended the Amended Temporary Order to August 8, 2012 (the “February 2012 Temporary Order”) on the following terms:

1. Pursuant to paragraph 2 of subsection 127(1) of the Act, all trading in the Armadillo Securities shall cease;
2. Pursuant to paragraph 2 of subsection 127(1) of the Act, the Respondents to the Temporary Order shall cease trading in Armadillo Securities and/or in securities of a nature similar to Armadillo Securities, which are securities evidencing an interest in the production of barrels of oil still in the ground; and
3. This Order shall not prevent Staff from applying to the Commission for a variation of this Order if Staff considers that doing so was in the public interest;

**AND WHEREAS** on August 2, 2012, the Commission held a hearing to consider whether it was in the public interest to extend the February 2012 Temporary Order pursuant to subsections 127(7) and 127(8) of the Act, and heard submissions from Staff and from counsel to the Respondents to the Temporary Order;

**AND WHEREAS** on August 2, 2012, the Commission extended the February 2012 Temporary Order until February 4, 2013, and ordered that the matter return before the Commission on February 1, 2013;

**AND WHEREAS** on February 1, 2013, the Commission held a hearing to consider whether it was in the public interest to further extend the February 2012 Temporary Order pursuant to subsections 127(7) and 127(8) of the Act;

**AND WHEREAS** on February 1, 2013, Staff appeared, made submissions and requested that the February 2012 Temporary Order be extended against GWI, Armadillo Texas, DeBoer, Dunk and Smith only;

**AND WHEREAS** on February 1, 2013 Staff advised that they would be initiating proceedings in this matter under section 127 of the Act shortly and would not be naming Schuett, Linde, Lawson, Soto or Reichert as respondents;

**AND WHEREAS** on February 1, 2013, counsel to the Respondents to the Temporary Order did not appear, but email correspondence setting out his position and advising that he did not oppose the extension of the February 2012 Temporary Order to March 6, 2013 was filed by Staff;

**AND WHEREAS** on February 1, 2013, the Commission extended the February 2012 Temporary Order to March 6, 2013, as against the respondents GWI, Armadillo Texas, DeBoer, Dunk and Smith and ordered that a further hearing be held before the Commission on March 5, 2013 (the “February 2013 Temporary Order”);

**AND WHEREAS** on February 1, 2013, the Commission issued a Notice of Hearing (the “Notice of Hearing”) pursuant to sections 127 and 127.1 of the Act, in relation to a Statement of Allegations filed by Staff on February 1, 2013 (the “Statement of Allegations”) naming as respondents GWI, Armadillo Texas, DeBoer, Dunk and Smith, as well as Joel Webster

(“Webster”), Armadillo Energy, Inc., a Nevada company (“Armadillo Nevada”) and Armadillo Energy LLC, an Oklahoma company (“Armadillo Oklahoma”) (collectively, the “Respondents”);

**AND WHEREAS** on March 5, 2013, a hearing was held to consider whether it was in the public interest to further extend the February 2013 Temporary Order pursuant to subsections 127(7) and 127(8) of the Act, and a concurrent hearing was held in relation to the Notice of Hearing;

**AND WHEREAS** on March 5, 2013, Staff appeared, made submissions and advised that Smith, GWI, Dunk and Armadillo Nevada had been successfully served with the Notice of Hearing and the Statement of Allegations, but that Staff required additional time to serve the Notice of Hearing and the Statement of Allegations on Webster, DeBoer, Armadillo Texas and Armadillo Oklahoma;

**AND WHEREAS** on March 5, 2013, counsel to GWI and Dunk appeared, made submissions and did not oppose the extension of the February 2013 Temporary Order; Smith appeared personally but made no submissions; and Webster, DeBoer, Armadillo Texas, Armadillo Nevada and Armadillo Oklahoma did not appear;

**AND WHEREAS** on March 5, 2013, the Commission continued the February 2013 Temporary Order to April 9, 2013, as against the respondents GWI, Armadillo Texas, DeBoer, Dunk and Smith, and adjourned the proceeding in relation to the February 2013 Temporary Order to April 8, 2013;

**AND WHEREAS** on April 8, 2013, a hearing was held to consider whether it was in the public interest to further extend the February 2013 Temporary Order pursuant to subsections 127(7) and 127(8) of the Act, and a concurrent hearing was held in relation to the Notice of Hearing;

**AND WHEREAS** on April 8, 2013, Staff appeared, made submissions and filed the Affidavit of Stephen Carpenter, sworn March 27, 2013;

**AND WHEREAS** Staff also filed materials confirming that (a) GWI, Dunk, Smith, Webster, DeBoer, Armadillo Texas and Armadillo Nevada were served with the Notice of Hearing and the Statement of Allegations, and that Armadillo Oklahoma was an inactive

company, and (b) disclosure was being prepared and that Staff estimated that eight weeks would be required to complete production of the electronic disclosure briefs;

**AND WHEREAS** on April 8, 2013, counsel to GWI, Dunk and DeBoer appeared, made submissions and did not oppose the further extension of the February 2013 Temporary Order without prejudice, and also advised that he had been in contact with Smith and that Smith also did not oppose the further extension of the February 2013 Temporary Order;

**AND WHEREAS** counsel to GWI, Dunk and DeBoer also advised that his clients did not oppose an eight week adjournment of the proceeding in relation to the Notice of Hearing without prejudice, and that Smith also did not oppose the requested adjournment;

**AND WHEREAS** on April 8, 2013, Smith, Webster, Armadillo Texas, Armadillo Nevada and Armadillo Oklahoma did not appear;

**AND WHEREAS** on April 8, 2013, Schuett, Linde, Lawson, Soto and Reichert were no longer respondents to the February 2013 Temporary Order and were not respondents to the proceeding initiated by the Notice of Hearing;

**AND WHEREAS** on April 8, 2013, the remaining respondents to the February 2013 Temporary Order, being GWI, Armadillo Texas, DeBoer, Dunk and Smith, were all respondents to the proceeding initiated by the Notice of Hearing;

**AND WHEREAS** on April 8, 2013, the Commission ordered that:

1. The February 2013 Temporary Order be extended to June 7, 2013, or until further order of the Commission, as against the respondents GWI, Armadillo Texas, DeBoer, Dunk and Smith;
2. A further hearing in relation to the February 2013 Temporary Order be held on June 6, 2013;
3. The hearing in relation to the Notice of Hearing be adjourned to June 6, 2013; and
4. Any further notices or orders in this matter would proceed under a single style of cause of the proceeding initiated by the February 1, 2013 Notice of Hearing, being "IN THE MATTER OF GROUND WEALTH INC., MICHELLE DUNK, ADRION

SMITH, JOEL WEBSTER, DOUGLAS DeBOER, ARMADILLO ENERGY INC., ARMADILLO ENERGY, INC. and ARMADILLO ENERGY LLC.”;

**AND WHEREAS** on June 6, 2013, a hearing was held to consider whether it was in the public interest to further extend the February 2013 Temporary Order pursuant to subsections 127(7) and 127(8) of the Act, and a concurrent hearing was held in relation to the Notice of Hearing;

**AND WHEREAS** Staff appeared, made submissions and filed the Affidavit of Stephen Carpenter, sworn May 22, 2013, and advised that disclosure was prepared and available for delivery to all the Respondents, upon their signing of an undertaking in such terms suitable to protect the personal and private information contained in the disclosure brief;

**AND WHEREAS** at the hearings, Staff provided counsel to GWI, Dunk and DeBoer with three copies of the electronic disclosure brief;

**AND WHEREAS** counsel to GWI, Dunk and DeBoer made submissions and did not oppose the further extension of the February 2013 Temporary Order without prejudice;

**AND WHEREAS** Smith, Webster, Armadillo Texas, Armadillo Nevada and Armadillo Oklahoma did not appear;

**AND WHEREAS** the Commission advised the parties that it expected to set the dates for a hearing on the merits at the next appearance on this matter;

**AND WHEREAS** on June 6, 2013, the Commission ordered that:

1. The hearing in relation to the Notice of Hearing be adjourned to a pre-hearing conference to be held on August 20, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.;
2. The hearing in relation to the February 2013 Temporary Order be adjourned to August 20, 2013 at 10:30 a.m.; and
3. The February 2013 Temporary Order against the Respondents be extended to August 22, 2013;

**AND WHEREAS** on August 20, 2013, a confidential pre-hearing conference was held, followed by a public hearing to consider whether it was in the public interest to further extend the February 2013 Temporary Order pursuant to subsections 127(7) and 127(8) of the Act;

**AND WHEREAS** Staff appeared and made submissions and counsel to GWI, Dunk and DeBoer appeared, made submissions and did not oppose the further extension of the February 2013 Temporary Order without prejudice;

**AND WHEREAS** Smith, Webster, Armadillo Texas, Armadillo Nevada and Armadillo Oklahoma did not appear, although properly served with notice of the hearings;

**AND WHEREAS** after hearing the submissions of Staff and counsel to GWI, Dunk and DeBoer, the Commission deferred setting the dates for a hearing on the merits and advised the parties that it expected to set such dates at the next appearance on this matter;

**AND WHEREAS** on August 20, 2013 the Commission ordered that:

1. The pre-hearing conference be adjourned and would continue on October 1, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.;
2. The hearing in relation to the extension of the February 2013 Temporary Order be adjourned and would continue on October 1, 2013, at 10:30 a.m.; and
3. The February 2013 Temporary Order be extended to October 3, 2013, as against the respondents GWI, Armadillo Texas, DeBoer, Dunk and Smith;

**AND WHEREAS** on September 20, 2013, the Registrar of the Commission received a written request on behalf of counsel to GWI, Dunk and DeBoer, requesting an adjournment of the next appearances on this matter (the “**Adjournment Request**”);

**AND WHEREAS** Staff and counsel to GWI, Dunk and DeBoer agreed that the next pre-hearing conference be rescheduled to October 11, 2013 and the February 2013 Temporary Order be extended to October 16, 2013;

**AND WHEREAS** Armadillo Texas, Armadillo Nevada and Smith were provided with an opportunity to object to the Adjournment Request and did not do so;

**AND WHEREAS** Staff submitted that Armadillo Oklahoma and Webster could not be served;

**AND WHEREAS** on September 30, 2013, the Commission ordered that:

1. The pre-hearing conference scheduled for October 1, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. be adjourned and would continue on October 11, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.;

2. The hearing in relation to the extension of the February 2013 Temporary Order scheduled for October 1, 2013 at 10:30 a.m. be adjourned and would continue on October 11, 2013 at 10:30 a.m.; and
3. The February 2013 Temporary Order be extended to October 16, 2013, as against the respondents GWI, Armadillo Texas, DeBoer, Dunk and Smith;

**AND WHEREAS** on October 11, 2013, a confidential pre-hearing conference was held, followed by a public hearing to consider whether it was in the public interest to further extend the February 2013 Temporary Order pursuant to subsections 127(7) and 127(8) of the Act;

**AND WHEREAS** Staff appeared and made submissions and counsel to GWI, Dunk and DeBoer appeared, made submissions and did not oppose the further extension of the February 2013 Temporary Order without prejudice;

**AND WHEREAS** Smith, Webster, Armadillo Texas, Armadillo Nevada and Armadillo Oklahoma did not appear, although properly served with notice of the hearings;

**AND WHEREAS** after hearing the submissions of Staff and counsel to GWI, Dunk and DeBoer, the Commission deferred setting the dates for a hearing on the merits and advised the parties that it expects to set such dates at the next appearance on this matter;

**AND WHEREAS** on October 11, 2013, the Commission ordered that:

1. The pre-hearing conference be adjourned and would continue on November 5, 2013, at 2:30 p.m.;
2. The hearing in relation to the extension of the February 2013 Temporary Order be adjourned and would continue on November 5, 2013, at 3:00 p.m.; and
3. The February 2013 Temporary Order be extended to November 8, 2013, as against the respondents GWI, Armadillo Texas, DeBoer, Dunk and Smith;

**AND WHEREAS** on October 31, 2013, the Commission issued an Amended Notice of Hearing and Staff filed an Amended Statement of Allegations, which amended the title of this proceeding by replacing the name “Armadillo Energy LLC” with “Armadillo Energy, LLC (aka Armadillo Energy LLC)” (collectively, “Armadillo Oklahoma”, as defined above);

**AND WHEREAS** on November 5, 2013, a confidential pre-hearing conference was held, followed by a public hearing to consider whether it was in the public interest to further



extend the February 2013 Temporary Order pursuant to subsections 127(7) and 127(8) of the Act;

**AND WHEREAS** Staff appeared and made submissions and counsel to GWI, Dunk and DeBoer appeared, made submissions and did not oppose the further extension of the February 2013 Temporary Order without prejudice;

**AND WHEREAS** Smith, Webster, Armadillo Texas, Armadillo Nevada and Armadillo Oklahoma did not appear, although properly served with notice of the hearings;

**AND WHEREAS** on November 5, 2013, the Commission ordered that:

1. The pre-hearing conference was adjourned to continue on January 15, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.;
2. A motion requested by Staff would be heard at a confidential hearing on February 6, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. (“Staff’s Motion”);
3. The hearing on the merits would commence on April 14, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. and continue until May 7, 2014, save and except for April 16, 17, 18 and 22 and May 6, 2014 (the “Merits Hearing”); and
4. The February 2013 Temporary Order was extended as against the respondents GWI, Armadillo Texas, DeBoer, Dunk and Smith, to two days following the conclusion of this proceeding, including the issuance of the Commission’s decision on sanctions and costs should a sanctions hearing be required following the conclusion of the Merits Hearing in this matter;

**AND WHEREAS** on January 15, 2014, the Commission held a confidential pre-hearing conference, and Staff and counsel to GWI, Dunk and DeBoer appeared and made submissions;

**AND WHEREAS** Smith, Webster, Armadillo Texas, Armadillo Nevada and Armadillo Oklahoma did not appear, although properly served with notice of the hearing;

**AND WHEREAS** Staff undertook to make its best efforts to serve on each party and file its motion materials, in connection with Staff’s Motion, by January 22, 2014;

**AND WHEREAS** on January 15, 2014, the Commission ordered that the pre-hearing conference be adjourned and would continue on March 24, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.;

**AND WHEREAS** on January 21, 2014, at the request of Staff and counsel to GWI, Dunk and DeBoer, the Commission held a confidential pre-hearing conference;

**AND WHEREAS** Staff and counsel to GWI, Dunk and DeBoer appeared and made submissions, and Smith, Webster, Armadillo Texas, Armadillo Nevada and Armadillo Oklahoma did not appear;

**AND WHEREAS** Staff requested that the scheduled date for Staff's Motion on February 6, 2014 be re-scheduled and counsel to GWI, Dunk and DeBoer consented;

**AND WHEREAS**, on January 21, 2014, the Commission ordered that the scheduled date for Staff's Motion on February 6, 2014 be vacated and the hearing for Staff's Motion would be held on March 4, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.

**AND WHEREAS** Staff's Motion did not proceed on March 4, 2014;

**AND WHEREAS** on March 20, 2014, Staff applied to convert the Merits Hearing from an oral hearing to a written hearing, pursuant to Rule 11 of the Commission's *Rules of Procedure* (2012), 35 O.S.C.B. 10071 (the "*Rules of Procedure*");

**AND WHEREAS** on March 24, 2014, the Commission held a further confidential pre-hearing conference, and Staff and counsel to GWI, Dunk, DeBoer and Webster appeared and made submissions;

**AND WHEREAS** Smith, Armadillo Texas, Armadillo Nevada and Armadillo Oklahoma did not appear, although properly served with notice of the hearing;

**AND WHEREAS** on March 24, 2014, the Commission ordered that the pre-hearing conference be adjourned and would continue on March 28, 2014 at 9:45 a.m.;

**AND WHEREAS** on March 28, 2014, the Commission held a further confidential pre-hearing conference, and Staff and counsel to GWI, Dunk, DeBoer and Webster appeared and made submissions;

**AND WHEREAS** Smith, Armadillo Texas, Armadillo Nevada and Armadillo Oklahoma did not appear, although properly served with notice of the hearing;

**AND WHEREAS** on April 7, 2014, the Commission ordered that:

1. the Merits Hearing was converted to a hearing in writing, pursuant to Rule 11 of the *Rules of Procedure* and would proceed on the following schedule:
  - a. Staff shall serve and file evidence briefs by May 2, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.;
  - b. counsel to GWI, Dunk, DeBoer and Webster shall advise Staff by May 23, 2014 if he intends to examine any of his former clients in this matter;
  - c. the Respondents shall serve and file evidence briefs by June 13, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.;
  - d. Staff shall serve and file any evidence brief in reply by June 25, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.;
  - e. Staff shall serve and file its written submissions by July 11, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.;
  - f. the Respondents shall serve and file their written submissions by August 1, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.; and
  - g. Staff shall serve and file any written submissions in reply by August 11, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.;
2. the Respondents shall have 10 days from the date of the Order to serve any notice of objection under Rule 11.7 of the *Rules of Procedure*; and
3. the dates scheduled for the oral Merits Hearing, being April 14, 15, 21, 23-25, 28-30 and May 1-2, 5 and 7, 2014, were vacated;

**AND WHEREAS** on April 28, 2014, Staff delivered correspondence to the Commission (the “**April 2014 Letter**”) advising that on April 25, 2014, Staff received a substantial new volume of evidence that it was unable to review and analyze prior to the deadline of May 2, 2014 for the service and filing of Staff’s evidence briefs;

**AND WHEREAS** Staff requested that the schedule set out in the Commission’s Order dated April 7, 2014 for the Merits Hearing be amended to move each deadline to two weeks into the future;

**AND WHEREAS** Staff advised the Commission that counsel to GWI, Dunk, DeBoer and Webster stated that he had no objection to Staff’s requested amendment to the schedule;

**AND WHEREAS** Staff advised the Commission that the April 2014 Letter was delivered to Armadillo Texas, Armadillo Nevada and Smith, and Staff did not receive a response from these respondents;

**AND WHEREAS** Staff submitted that Armadillo Oklahoma could not be served with the April 2014 Letter;

**AND WHEREAS** on April 30, 2014, the Commission ordered that:

1. the Merits Hearing shall proceed on the following schedule (the “April 30 Schedule”):
  - a. Staff shall serve and file evidence briefs by May 16, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.;
  - b. counsel to GWI, Dunk, DeBoer and Webster shall advise Staff by June 6, 2014 if he intends to examine any of his former clients in this matter;
  - c. the Respondents shall serve and file evidence briefs by June 27, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.;
  - d. Staff shall serve and file any evidence brief in reply by July 9, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.;
  - e. Staff shall serve and file its written submissions by July 25, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.;
  - f. the Respondents shall serve and file their written submissions by August 15, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.; and
  - g. Staff shall serve and file any written submissions in reply by August 25, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.;

**AND WHEREAS** on May 16, 2014, Staff filed the Affidavit of Stephen Carpenter sworn May 14, 2014, together with an index and six volumes of documents (collectively, the “Carpenter Affidavit”), and the Affidavit of Service of Tia Faerber sworn May 16, 2014;

**AND WHEREAS** on June 2, 2014, the Commission ordered that all further service of notice or proceeding documents in this matter on Armadillo Oklahoma be waived;

**AND WHEREAS** on June 26, 2014, counsel for Dunk, DeBoer, GWI and Webster filed the affidavits sworn June 25, 2014 by Dunk and DeBoer (respectively, the “Dunk Affidavit” and the “DeBoer Affidavit”);

**AND WHEREAS** no other Respondent has filed any evidence on the written hearing;

**AND WHEREAS** Staff wrote to the Panel on July 3, 2014, and advised that both Staff and counsel for Dunk, DeBoer, GWI and Webster were of the view that the written materials filed by the parties raise evidentiary issues that cannot be addressed on the basis of the written record and may require scheduling *viva voce* evidence, and requested that the April 30 Schedule be suspended pending discussion of these issues;

**AND WHEREAS** the Commission is of the opinion that it is in the public interest to make this Order;

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that:

1. the parties shall appear for a status update hearing on July 16, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.; and
2. the April 30 Schedule is suspended pending the status update on July 16, 2014.

**DATED** at Toronto this 8<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2014.

*“Christopher Portner”*

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