1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 2 U.S. COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION and THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, by and through the) Case No. 09cv1783 BEN (CAB) CALIFORNIA CORPORATIONS COMMISSIONER. 6 ORDER GRANTING PLAINTIFF'S EX Plaintiffs, PARTE APPLICATION FOR STATUTORY 7 RESTRAINING ORDER, APPOINTMENT 8 OF RECEIVER, AN ACCOUNTING, VS. EXPEDITED DISCOVERY, ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE REGARDING MOHIT A. KHANNA, an individual, and MAK) 1 ENTERPRISES GROUP, LLC, a Nevada PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION, AND 10 OTHER EQUITABLE RELIEF limited liability company, 11 12 Defendants: and 13 FIRST OPPORTUNITIES MANAGEMENT GROUP, INC., a Nevada corporation, Relief Defendant. 15 16 Plaintiff U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("Commission") filed an Ex 17 Parte Application for Statutory Restraining Order, Appointment of Receiver, An 18 Accounting, Expedited Discovery, Order to Show Cause Regarding Preliminary Injunction, 19 and Other Equitable Relief (the "Application") on August 17, 2009. The Court, having 20 considered the Application and all other evidence presented by the Commission, finds that: 21 1. This Court has jurisdiction over the parties and over the subject matter of this 22 action pursuant to Section 6c of the Commodity Exchange Act ("Act"), 7 U.S.C. §§ 13a-1 24 and Section 2(c)(2)(C)(i)-(iii) of the Act as amended by the Food, Conservation, and Energy 25 Act of 2008, Pub. L. No. 110-246, Title XIII (the CFTC Reauthorization Act ("CRA")), §§ 26 27

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13101-13204, 122 Stat. 1651(enacted June 18, 2008) (to be codified at 7 U.S.C. § 2(c)(2)(C)(i)-(iii)).

- Venue lies properly within this District pursuant to Section 6c(e) of the Act,
 U.S.C. § 13a-1(e) (2006).
- 3. There is good cause to believe that Defendants MAK 1 ENTERPRISES GROUP, LLC ("MAK 1") and MOHIT A. KHANNA ("KHANNA") (hereinafter collectively "Defendants") have engaged, are engaging, and are about to engage in acts and practices constituting violations of the Act.
- 4. There is good cause to believe that Relief Defendant FIRST OPPORTUNITIES MANAGEMENT GROUP, INC. ("First Opportunities") ("Relief Defendant") has received, is receiving, and is about to receive funds, assets or property as a result of Defendants' violative acts and practices and has been unjustifiably enriched thereby. The Relief Defendant does not have any legitimate interest or entitlement to these funds, assets or property received as a result of Defendants' violative conduct.
- 5. There is good cause to believe that immediate and irreparable damage to the Court's ability to grant effective final relief for customers in the form of monetary redress will occur from the sale, transfer, assignment, or other disposition by Defendants and Relief Defendant of assets or records unless Defendants and Relief Defendant are immediately restrained and enjoined by Order of the Court.
- 6. Good cause exists for the freezing of assets owned, controlled, managed, or held by, on behalf of, or for the benefit of Defendants and Relief Defendant (hereinafter "assets").

- 7. Good cause exists for entry of an order prohibiting Defendants and Relief Defendant, their agents, servants, employees, assigns, attorneys, and persons in active concert or participation with the Defendants and Relief Defendant, including any successor thereof, from destroying records and/or denying agents of the Commission access to, inspect and copy records to ensure that Commission representatives have immediate and complete access to those books and records.
- 8. Good cause exists for the appointment of a Receiver to take control of all assets owned, controlled, managed or held by, on behalf of, or for the benefit of Defendants ("Defendants' Assets") and Relief Defendant ("Relief Defendant's Assets") in order to preserve assets, investigate and determine customer claims, determine unlawful proceeds retained by Defendants and Relief Defendant and amounts due to customers as a result of Defendants alleged violations, and distribute remaining funds under the Court's supervision.
- 9. Good cause exists to require an accounting to determine the location and disposition of customer funds.
- 10. Good cause exists to order repatriation of assets controlled by Defendants and Relief Defendant to assure payment of restitution and disgorgement as authorized and for the benefit of customers.
- 11. Good cause exists for the Plaintiff and the Receiver to conduct expedited discovery in order to determine the full extent of Defendants' alleged wrongdoing, locate Defendants' other customers, identify customers' funds and other assets, and clarify the source of various funds.

12. Weighing the equities and considering the Commission's likelihood of success in its claims for relief, the issuance of a statutory restraining order is in the public interest.

DEFINITIONS

For purposes of this Order, the following definitions apply:

- 13. The term "document" is synonymous in meaning and equal in scope to the usage of the term in the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure ("FRCP") 34(a), and includes, but is not limited to, writings, drawings, graphs, charts, photographs, audio and video recordings, computer records, and other data compilations from which information can be obtained and translated, if necessary, through detection devices into reasonably usable form. A draft or non-identical copy is a separate document within the meaning of the term.
- 14. The term "assets" means any legal or equitable interest in, right to, or claim to, any real or personal property, whether individually or jointly, directly or indirectly controlled, and wherever located, including but not limited to: chattels, goods, instruments, equipment, fixtures, general intangibles, effects, leaseholds, mail or other deliveries, inventory, checks, notes, accounts (including, but not limited to, bank accounts and accounts at other financial institutions), credits, receivables, lines of credit, contracts (including spot, futures, or option contracts), insurance policies, and all cash, wherever located.
- 15. "Defendants" shall mean and refer to not only MAK 1 and KHANNA, but also to any d/b/a, successor, affiliate, subsidiary, or other entity owned, controlled, managed, or held by, on behalf of, or for the benefit of MAK 1 and/or KHANNA.

1	16. "Relief Defendant" shall mean and refer to not only FIRST OPPORTUNITIES,
2	but also to any d/b/a, successor, affiliate, subsidiary, or other entity owned, controlled,
3	managed, or held by, on behalf of, or for the benefit of FIRST OPPORTUNITIES.
5	RELIEF GRANTED
6	I. Order Against Transfer, Dissipation, and Disposal of Assets
7	IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:
8	17. Defendants, Relief Defendant, and their agents, servants, employees, assigns,
9	attorneys, including any successor thereof, and persons in active concert or participation with
11	them, who receive actual notice of this Order by personal service or otherwise, are
12	immediately restrained and enjoined from directly or indirectly transferring, selling,
13	alienating, liquidating, encumbering, pledging, leasing, loaning, assigning, concealing,
14	dissipating, converting, withdrawing, or otherwise disposing of any of Defendants' Assets or
15 16	Relief Defendant's Assets, wherever located, including Defendants' Assets and/or Relief
17	Defendant's Assets held outside the United States, except as provided in Section II of this
18	Order, or as otherwise ordered by the Court. The assets affected by this paragraph shall
19	include both existing assets and those assets acquired after the effective date of this Order.
20	18. Defendants and Relief Defendant are immediately restrained and enjoined from
21 22	directly or indirectly opening or causing to be opened any safe deposit boxes titled in the
23	name of, or subject to access by, Defendants or Relief Defendant.
24	II. Accounting and Transfer of Funds and Documents
25	IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that within five (5) business days following the
26 27	service of this Order, Defendants and Relief Defendant shall:

19. Provide the Commission and the Receiver with a full detailed accounting of all funds, documents, and assets, including the assets inside and outside of the United States that are held by each and every Defendant or Relief Defendant, for their benefit, or under their direct or indirect control, whether jointly or singly;

20. Transfer to the territory of the United States and to the possession, custody, and control of the Receiver, all funds, documents, and assets, including the assets (other than real property), located outside the United States that are held by each and every Defendant or Relief Defendant, for their benefit, or under their direct or indirect control, whether jointly or singly; and

III. Directives to Financial Institutions and Others

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, pending further Order of this Court, that any financial or brokerage institution, business entity, or person that holds or has held, controls or has controlled, or maintains or has maintained custody of any of the assets at any time since January 1, 2000, shall:

- 21. Prohibit Defendants, Relief Defendant, and all other persons from withdrawing, removing, assigning, transferring, pledging, encumbering, disbursing, dissipating, converting, selling, or otherwise disposing of the assets, except as directed by further Order of the Court;
- 22. Deny Defendants and Relief Defendant and all other persons (except for the Commission or the Receiver) access to any safe deposit box that is: (a) owned, controlled, managed, or held by, on behalf of, or for the benefit of Defendants or Relief Defendant,

either individually or jointly, whether in the name, alias, or fictitious "doing business as" name; or (b) otherwise subject to access by Defendants or Relief Defendant; 3 4

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IV. **Maintenance of Business Records**

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that:

23. Defendants, Relief Defendant, and their agents, servants, employees, assigns, attorneys, and persons in active concert or participation with the Defendants or Relief Defendant, including any successor thereof, and all other persons or entities who receive notice of this Order by personal service or otherwise, are immediately restrained and enjoined from directly or indirectly destroying, mutilating, erasing, altering, concealing or disposing of, in any manner, directly or indirectly, any documents that relate to the business practices, or business or personal finances of Defendants or Relief Defendant and their subsidiaries and affiliates.

V. **Inspection and Copying of Books and Records**

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that:

24. Representatives of the Commission and the Receiver shall be immediately allowed to inspect the books, records, and other documents of Defendants, Relief Defendant, and their agents, including, but not limited to, electronically stored information, tape recordings, and computer discs, wherever they may be situated and whether they are on the person of Defendants, Relief Defendant, or others, and to copy said documents, information and records, either on or off Defendants' or Relief Defendant's premises; and

25. Defendants, Relief Defendant, and their agents, servants, employees, assigns, attorneys, and persons in active concert or participation with the Defendants or Relief

Defendant, including any successor thereof, who receive actual notice of this Order by personal service or otherwise, including facsimile or e-mail transmission, shall cooperate fully with the Commission to locate and provide to representatives of the Commission all books and records of Defendants and Relief Defendant, wherever such books and records may be situated, and to locate and provide to representatives of the Commission information regarding the whereabouts of Defendants and Relief Defendant.

VI. Order Appointing Temporary Receiver

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that La Bella & McNamara LLP ("La Bella") is appointed Temporary Receiver for the Defendants' and Relief Defendant's assets and the assets of any affiliates or subsidiaries of Defendants or Relief Defendant, with the full powers of an equity receiver. The Temporary Receiver shall be the agent of this Court in acting as Receiver under this Order.

- 26. The Temporary Receiver is directed and authorized to accomplish the following:
 - a. Assume full control of the corporate Defendant and Relief Defendant and any
 business entities owned by any Defendant or Relief Defendant, by removing
 any officer, independent contractor, employee, or agent of a corporate
 Defendant or corporate Relief Defendant, from control and management of
 the affairs of the corporate Defendant or Relief Defendant and any business
 entities owned by any Defendant or Relief Defendant;
 - Take exclusive custody, control, and possession of all the funds, property,
 mail and other assets of, in the possession of, or under the control of the
 Defendants and Relief Defendant, wherever situated. The Receiver shall have

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full power to sue for, collect, receive and take possession of all goods, chattels, rights, credits, moneys, effects, land, leases, books, records, work papers, and records of accounts, including computer-maintained information, and other papers and documents of the Defendants and Relief Defendant, including documents related to customers or clients whose interests are now held by or under the direction, possession, custody or control of the Defendants and/or Relief Defendant. The Receiver shall have discretion to determine that certain personal property or other assets of the Defendants shall be under the Receiver's control, but shall remain in the possession or custody of the Defendants;

- c. Take all steps necessary to secure the business premises of the Defendants and Relief Defendant and any and all other premises under the control of the Defendants or Relief Defendant;
- d. Preserve, hold and manage all receivership assets, and perform all acts
 necessary to preserve the value of those assets, in order to prevent any loss,
 damage or injury to Defendants' or Relief Defendant's customers or clients;
- e. Prevent the withdrawal or misapplication of funds entrusted to the Defendants or Relief Defendant, and otherwise protect the interests of customers or clients;
- f. Manage and administer the Defendants and Relief Defendant by performing all acts incidental thereto that the Receiver deems appropriate, including hiring or dismissing any and all personnel or suspending operations;

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- g. Collect all money owed to the Defendants and Relief Defendant;
- h. Initiate, defend, compromise, adjust, intervene in, dispose of, or become a party to any actions or proceedings in state, federal or foreign court necessary to preserve or increase the assets of the Defendants or Relief Defendant or to carry out his or her duties pursuant to this Order;
- Choose, engage and employ attorneys, accountants, appraisers, and other independent contractors and technical specialists, as the Receiver deems advisable or necessary in the performance of duties and responsibilities under the authority granted by this Order;
- j. Issue subpoenas to obtain documents and records pertaining to the receivership, and conduct discovery in this action on behalf of the receivership estate;
- k. Open one or more bank accounts as designated depositories for funds of the Defendants and Relief Defendant. The Receiver shall deposit all funds of the Defendants and Relief Defendant in such designated accounts and shall make all payments and disbursements from the receivership estate from such accounts; and
- Make payments and disbursements from the receivership estate that are
 necessary or advisable for carrying out the directions of, or exercising the
 authority granted by, this Order. The Receiver shall apply to the Court for
 prior approval of any payment of any debt or obligation incurred by the
 Defendants or Relief Defendant prior to the date of entry of this Order, except

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for payments that the Receiver deems necessary or advisable to secure assets of the Defendants.

- 30. Immediately upon service of this Order upon them, the Defendants, Relief Defendant, and any other person or entity served with a copy of this Order, shall immediately or within such time as permitted by the Receiver in writing, deliver over to the Receiver:
 - a. Possession and custody of all funds, property, and other assets, owned beneficially or otherwise, wherever situated, of the Defendants and Relief Defendant;
 - b. Possession and custody of documents of the Defendants and Relief Defendant, including but not limited to, all books and records of accounts, all financial and accounting records, balance sheets, income statements, bank records (including monthly statements, canceled checks, records of wire transfers, and check registers), client lists, title documents and other papers;
 - Possession and custody of all precious metals, other commodities, funds, and
 other assets being held by or on behalf of the Defendants or Relief Defendant
 or on behalf of the Defendants' or Relief Defendant's customers or clients;
 - d. All keys, computer passwords, entry codes, and combinations to locks necessary to gain or to secure access to any of the assets or documents of the Defendants or Relief Defendant, including but not limited to, access to the Defendants' and Relief Defendant's residential and business premises, means of communication, accounts, computer systems, or other property; and

- Information identifying the accounts, employees, properties or other assets or obligations of the Defendants or Relief Defendant.
- 31. The Defendants, Relief Defendant, and all other persons or entities served with a copy of this order shall cooperate fully with and assist the Receiver. This cooperation and assistance shall include, but not be limited to, providing any information to the Receiver that the Receiver deems necessary to exercising the authority; providing any password required to access any computer or electronic files in any medium; and discharging the responsibilities of the Receiver under this Order, and advising all persons who owe money to the Defendants or Relief Defendant that all debts should be paid directly to the Receiver.
- 32. Except by leave of the Court, during the pendency of the receivership ordered herein, the Defendants, Relief Defendant, and all other persons and entities seeking relief of any kind from Defendants' Assets and Relief Defendant's Assets (other than the present action by the Commission) including, but not limited to customers, clients, pool participants, investors, members, partners, trust beneficiaries, note holders, creditors, claimants, lessors, in law or in equity, and all persons acting on behalf of any such customer, client, pool participant, investor, member, partner, trust beneficiary, note holder, creditor, claimant, lessor, or other person, including sheriffs, marshals, and all offices and deputies, and their respective attorneys, servants, agents and employees, are, until further orders of this Court, hereby restrained, enjoined and stayed from doing anything, directly or indirectly, to interfere with the Receiver's performance of his duties and the administration of Defendants' Assets and Relief Defendant's Assets. Accordingly, all such persons are enjoined and stayed from taking any action to establish or enforce any claim, right or interest for, against, on behalf of,

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1 in, or in the name of, the Defendants or Relief Defendant, the Receiver, receivership assets,
2 or the Receiver's duly authorized agents acting in their capacities as such, including but not
3 limited to, the following actions:

- Commencing, prosecuting, litigating or enforcing any suit, except that actions
 may be filed to toll any applicable statute of limitations;
- b. Accelerating the due date of any obligation or claimed obligation, enforcing any lien upon, or taking or attempting to take possession of, or retaining possession of, property of the Defendants or Relief Defendant, or any property claimed by the Defendants or Relief Defendant, or attempting to foreclose, forfeit, alter or terminate any of the Defendants' or Relief Defendant's interests in property, whether such acts are part of a judicial proceeding or otherwise;
- c. Using self-help or executing or issuing, or causing the execution or issuance of any court attachment, subpoena, replevin, execution or other process for the purpose of impounding or taking possession of or interfering with, or creating or enforcing a lien upon any property, wherever located, owned by or in the possession of the Defendants or Relief Defendant, or the Receiver, or any agent of the Receiver; and
- d. Doing any act or thing to interfere with the Receiver taking control, possession or management of the property subject to the receivership, or to in any way interfere with the Receiver or the duties of the Receiver; or to

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interfere with the exclusive jurisdiction of this Court over the property and assets of the Defendants or Relief Defendant.

This paragraph does not stay the commencement or continuation of an action or proceeding by a governmental unit to enforce such governmental unit's police or regulatory power.

33. Within 60 days of the date of this Order, the Receiver shall file with this Court and serve Plaintiff Commission a report outlining the steps taken to identify customers, marshal assets, determine the amount invested by each customer, and the portion of assets available to pay back customers. This report shall also include a statement as to the estimated time it will take to distribute available assets to customers and wind up the receivership.

34. The Receiver and all personnel hired by the Receiver as herein authorized, including counsel to the Receiver, are entitled to reasonable compensation for the performance of duties pursuant to this Order and for the cost of actual out-of-pocket expenses incurred by them, from the assets now held by, or in the possession or control of, or which may be received by the Defendants or Relief Defendant. The Receiver shall file with the Court and serve on the parties, including Plaintiff Commission, periodic requests for the payment of such reasonable compensation, with the first such request filed no more than sixty (60) days after the date of this Order. Plaintiff Commission may object to any part of a request within 30 calendar days of service of a request. The Receiver shall not increase the hourly rates used as the bases for such fee applications without prior approval of the Court.

VII. 1 **Order Granting Expedited Discovery** 2 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that: 3 35. The Commission and Receiver may conduct expedited discovery, removing the 4 prohibition upon discovery before the early meeting of counsel pursuant to FRCP 26(f), in 5 accordance with FRCP 26(d), and that the Commission and Receiver may take depositions of 7 Defendants, Relief Defendant, and non-parties subject to two calendar days notice pursuant 8 to FRCP 30(a) and 45, that notice may be given personally, by facsimile or by electronic mail. Further, more than ten depositions may be taken and, if necessary, any deposition may 10 last more than seven hours. 11 36. The Commission and Receiver may conduct expedited discovery to enable the 12 13 Commission to fulfill its statutory duties and protect investors from further loss or damage. 14 This expedited discovery will allow the Commission and Receiver to determine the full 15 extent of Defendants' alleged wrongdoing (including, but not limited to, the possible 16 involvement of others), locate Defendants' other customers, identify customers' funds, and 17 18 other of Defendants' Assets and Relief Defendant's Assets, and clarify the sources of various 19 funds. 20 VIII. Bond Not Required of Plaintiff 21 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that: 22 37. The Commission is an agency of the United States of America and, accordingly, 23 24 need not post a bond. 25 IX. **Order to Show Cause** 26

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that:

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- 38. Defendants shall appear before this Court on August 31, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. before the Honorable Roger T. Benitez at the United States Courthouse for the Southern District of California, to show cause, if there be any, why an Order for Preliminary Injunction should not be granted to prohibit further violations of the Act and why the other relief requested should not be granted pending trial on the merits of this action.
- 39. Should any party wish to file a memorandum of law or other papers in opposition to Plaintiff's Motion for a Preliminary Injunction, all papers shall be filed on or before August 24, 2009 and served via facsimile or overnight delivery to the Commission's Washington D.C. office. Any reply papers shall be filed with the Court and delivered to opposing counsel no later than August 27, 2009. Service of all papers shall be by electronic mail, facsimile, or personal service.

X. Service

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that:

40. Copies of this Order may be served by any means, including facsimile and e-mail transmission, upon any entity or person that may have possession, custody, or control of any documents or the assets of Defendants or Relief Defendant, or that may be subject to any provision of this Order, and, additionally, that any representative of the Commission, of the Receiver, or of the U.S. Marshal Service are specially appointed by the Court to effect service. Further, service of the Summons, Complaint, or other process may be effected by any Commission representative, the Receiver, any U.S. Marshal or deputy U.S. Marshal, or in accordance with FRCP 4, and service on corporate entities may be effected by serving the

1	Summons, Complaint, or other process via overnight delivery to the registered agent of said		
2	corporate entities.		
3	XI. Force and Effect		
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5	IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that:		
6	31. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of this Cour		
7	and that this Court retains jurisdiction of this matter for all purposes.		
8	IT IS SO ORDERED, at 4:30 p.m. on the 18th day of August 2009.		
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12	United States District Court Judge		
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