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ORDER MAKING FINDINGS AND  
IMPOSING SANCTIONS

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*In the Matter of Riley and Company PLLC,*

*Respondent.*

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PCAOB Release No. 105-2014-013

December 8, 2014

By this Order, the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board ("Board" or "PCAOB") is censuring Riley and Company PLLC ("Respondent" or "Riley") and imposing a civil money penalty in the amount of \$1,000. The Board is imposing these sanctions on the basis of its findings concerning Respondent's failure to timely file an annual report in 2013 and 2014 and timely pay an annual fee in 2013 and 2014.

## I.

On September 10, 2014, the Board instituted disciplinary proceedings pursuant to Section 105(c) of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 ("Act") (as amended) and PCAOB Rule 5200(a)(1) against Respondent. Pursuant to Section 105(c)(2) and PCAOB Rule 5203, the Board determined that good cause was shown to make the hearing in this proceeding public. As permitted by Section 105(c)(2) of the Act and PCAOB Rule 5203, the Division of Enforcement and Investigations consented to making the hearing in this proceeding public. Prior to submitting its Offer of Settlement, Riley did not file an answer indicating the firm's consent or lack of consent to making the hearing public.

## II.

In response to these proceedings, and pursuant to PCAOB Rule 5205, Respondent has submitted an Offer of Settlement ("Offer") that the Board has determined to accept. Solely for purposes of these proceedings and any other proceedings brought by or on behalf of the Board, or to which the Board is a party, and without admitting or denying the findings herein, except as to the Board's jurisdiction over Respondent and the subject matter of these proceedings, which is admitted,

**ORDER**

Respondent consents to entry of this Order Making Findings and Imposing Sanctions ("Order") as set forth below.

**III.**

On the basis of Respondent's Offer, the Board finds<sup>1</sup> that:

**A. Respondent**

1. Riley is a corporation located in Houston, Texas. Riley is licensed by the Texas State Board of Public Accountancy to engage in the practice of public accounting (License No. C07672). The firm registered with the Board on April 5, 2005, pursuant to Section 102 of the Act and Board rules.

**B. Violations**

2. Pursuant to Section 102(d) of the Act, PCAOB Rule 2200, *Annual Report*, provides that "[e]ach registered public accounting firm must file with the Board an annual report on Form 2 . . . ." PCAOB Rule 2201, *Time for Filing Annual Report*, sets forth that the deadline for filing the annual report is June 30 of each year. In violation of Section 102(d) of the Act and Rule 2200, Riley failed to timely file an annual report for 2013 and 2014.

3. In addition, pursuant to Section 102(f) of the Act, PCAOB Rule 2202, *Annual Fee*, provides that "[e]ach registered public accounting firm must pay an annual fee to the Board on or before July 31 . . . ." In violation of Rule 2202, Riley failed to timely pay its annual fee in 2013 and 2014.

**C. Subsequent Events**

4. The Board instituted these proceedings on September 10, 2014. Riley did not file an answer pursuant to PCAOB Rule 5421(b).

5. On October 28, 2014, Riley paid its annual fee for 2013 and 2014.

6. On October 28, 2014, Riley filed its annual reports for 2013 and 2014.

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<sup>1</sup> The findings herein are made pursuant to Respondent's Offer and are not binding on any other person or entity in this or any other proceeding.



## ORDER

7. On November 3, 2014, Riley filed a Form 1-WD to request leave to withdraw its registration from the Board.

### IV.

In view of the foregoing, and to protect the interests of investors and further the public interest in the preparation of informative, accurate, and independent audit reports, the Board determines it appropriate to impose the sanctions agreed to in Respondent's Offer. Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED that:

- A. Pursuant to Section 105(c)(4)(E) of the Act and PCAOB Rule 5300(a)(5), Riley is censured; and
- B. Pursuant to Section 105(c)(4)(D) of the Act, and PCAOB Rule 5300(a)(4), a civil money penalty in the amount of \$1,000 is imposed upon Riley. All funds collected by the Board as a result of the assessment of this civil money penalty will be used in accordance with Section 109(c)(2) of the Act. Riley shall pay this civil money penalty within 10 days of the issuance of this Order by (a) wire transfer pursuant to instructions provided by Board staff; or (b) United States postal money order, certified check, bank cashier's check or bank money order; (c) made payable to the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board; (d) delivered to the Controller, Public Company Accounting Oversight Board, 1666 K Street, N.W., Washington D.C. 20006; and (e) submitted under a cover letter, which identifies Riley as a respondent in these proceedings, sets forth the title and PCAOB Release number of these proceedings, and states that payment is made pursuant to this Order, a copy of which cover letter and money order or check shall be sent to Office of the Secretary, Attention: Phoebe W. Brown, Secretary, Public Company Accounting Oversight Board, 1666 K Street, N.W., Washington D.C. 20006.

**ORDER**

**V.**

Upon performance by Riley of Part IV above, pursuant to PCAOB Rule 2107, the Board shall consider Riley's Form 1-WD and whether to grant it leave to withdraw. In doing so, the Board shall not take into consideration its findings contained in Part III herein.

ISSUED BY THE BOARD.

/s/ Phoebe W. Brown

Phoebe W. Brown  
Secretary

December 8, 2014