1 2 3 4 5 6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 7 **CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA** 8 9 COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING Case No. CV 23-8078 FMO (SKx) COMMISSION, et al. 10 Plaintiffs, 11 ORDER AND JUDGMENT RE: LEAH **DONOSO** ٧. 12 REGAL ASSETS LLC, et al., 13 Defendants. 14 15 For the reasons set forth in the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC" or 16 "Commission") and the California Department of Financial Protection & Innovation's ("DFPI") Third 17 Motion for Default Judgment as to Defendant Leah Donoso (Dkt. 83, "Motion"), and the hearing 18 held on October 10, 2024, at which no defendant appeared, IT IS ORDERED AND ADJUDGED, 19 pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 54(b), that: 20 1. The Motion (Document No. 83) is granted as set forth below. 21 2. Pursuant to 7 U.S.C. §§ 13a-1, 7 U.S.C. § 13a-2, and Cal. Corp. Code §§ 29540, 29545, 22 and 29552, Leah Donoso ("Donoso") is permanently restrained, enjoined, and prohibited from, 23 directly or indirectly: 24 (a) Using or employing (or attempting to use or employ) a device, scheme, 25 or artifice to defraud any person; making (or attempting to make) untrue or 26 misleading statements of material fact or omitting to state a material fact in 27 order to make the statements made not untrue or misleading; and/or 28 engaging (or attempting to engage) in transactions, practices, or courses of

business that operate as a fraud or deceit on any person, in violation of 7 U.S.C. § 9(1) and 17 C.F.R. § 180.1(a)(1)-(3);

- (b) Trading on or subject to the rules of any registered entity (as that term is defined by 7 U.S.C. § 1a(40));
- (c) Entering into any transactions involving "commodity interests" (as that term is defined in 17 C.F.R. § 1.3 (2023)), or precious metals that are commodities, for accounts held in Donoso's name or for accounts in which Donoso has a direct or indirect interest;
- (d) Having any commodity interests or precious metals that are commodities traded on her behalf;
- (e) Controlling or directing the trading for or on behalf of any other person or entity, whether by power of attorney or otherwise, in any account involving commodity interests or precious metals that are commodities;
- (f) Soliciting, receiving, or accepting any funds from any person for the purpose of purchasing or selling any commodity interests or precious metals that are commodities;
- (g) Applying for registration or claiming exemption from registration with the CFTC in any capacity, and engaging in any activity requiring such registration or exemption from registration with the CFTC except as provided for in 17 C.F.R. § 4.14(a)(9) (2023);
- (h) Acting as a principal (as that term is defined in 17 C.F.R. § 3.1(a)(2023)), agent, or any other officer or employee of any person registered, exempted from registration, or required to be registered with the CFTC except as provided for in 17 C.F.R. § 4.14(a)(9);
- (i) Selling or purchasing or offering to sell or purchase any commodity under any commodity contract or under any commodity option, or offering to enter into, or entering into, as seller or purchaser any commodity contract or any commodity option in violation of Cal. Corp. Code § 29520; and/or;

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- (j) Employing a device, scheme, or artifice to defraud, making an untrue statement of a material fact, or omitting to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, engaging in any transaction, act, practice, or course of business which operates or would operate as a fraud or deceit upon any person, or misappropriating funds, in connection with the sale or purchase, or offer to sell or purchase, any commodity, commodity contract, or commodity option, in violation of Cal. Corp. Code § 29536.
- 3. Donoso shall pay plaintiffs restitution in the amount of twenty-one million, nine hundred thirty-six thousand dollars, and fifty-seven cents (\$21,936,000.57) ("Restitution Obligation"). If the Restitution Obligation is not paid immediately, post-judgment interest shall accrue on the Restitution Obligation beginning on the date of entry of this Order and Judgment ("Order"), and shall be determined by using the Treasury Bill rate prevailing on the date of entry of this Order pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1961.
- 4. Donoso's Restitution Obligation is joint and several with that of Regal Assets LLC ("Regal Assets") and Tyler G. Gallagher ("Gallagher"), and Donoso will receive a dollar-for-dollar credit against her Restitution Obligation for any restitution amounts paid by Regal Assets and/or Gallagher.
- 5. To effect payment of the Restitution Obligation and the distribution of any restitution payments to Regal Assets' customers, the Court hereby appoints the National Futures Association ("NFA") as Monitor ("Monitor"). The Monitor shall receive restitution payments from Donoso and make distributions as set forth below. Because the Monitor is acting as an officer of the Court in performing these services, the NFA shall not be liable for any action or inaction arising from NFA's appointment as Monitor, other than actions involving fraud.
- Donoso shall make Restitution Obligation payments, and any post-judgment interest payments, under this Order to the Monitor in the name of "CFTC v. Regal Assets, et al., 23cv08078, Restitution Fund," and shall send such payments by electronic funds transfer, or by U.S. postal money order, certified check, bank cashier's check, or bank money order, to the Office

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- of Administration, National Futures Association, 300 South Riverside Plaza, Suite 1800, Chicago, Illinois 60606 under cover letter that identifies the paying defendant and the name and docket number of this proceeding. Donoso shall simultaneously transmit copies of the cover letter and the form of payment to the Chief Financial Officer, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20581, and Danielle Stoumbos, Senior Counsel, DFPI, 320 West 4th Street, Suite 750, Los Angeles, California 90013.
- 7. The Monitor shall oversee the Restitution Obligation and shall have the discretion to determine the manner of distribution of such funds in an equitable fashion to Regal Assets' customers identified by the Commission and DFPI or may defer distribution until such time as the Monitor deems appropriate. In the event that the amount of Restitution Obligation payments to the Monitor are of a *de minimis* nature such that the Monitor determines that the administrative cost of making a distribution to Regal Assets' customers is impractical, the Monitor may, in its discretion, treat such restitution payments as civil monetary penalty payments, which the Monitor shall forward to the Commission, for the benefit of the Commission and DFPI, following the instructions for civil monetary penalty payments set forth below.
- 8. Donoso shall cooperate with the Monitor as appropriate to provide such information as the Monitor deems necessary and appropriate to identify Regal Assets' customers to whom the Monitor, in its sole discretion, may include in any plan for distribution of any Restitution Obligation payments. Donoso shall execute any documents necessary to release funds that she has in any repository, bank, investment or other financial institution, wherever located, in order to make partial or total payment toward the Restitution Obligation.
- 9. The Monitor shall provide the Commission and DFPI in January of each calendar year with a report detailing the disbursement of funds to Regal Assets' customers during the previous year. The Monitor shall transmit this report under a cover letter that identifies the name and docket number of this proceeding to the Chief Financial Officer, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20581, and to Danielle Stoumbos, Senior Counsel, DFPI, 320 West 4th Street, Suite 750, Los Angeles, California

- 10. The amounts payable to each Regal Assets' customer shall not limit the ability of any Regal Assets' customer from proving to the Monitor that a greater amount is owed from Donoso or any other person or entity, and nothing herein shall be construed to limit or abridge the rights of any Regal Assets' customer that may exist under state or common law.
- 11. To the extent that any funds accrue to the U.S. Treasury for satisfaction of Donoso's Restitution Obligation, such funds shall be transferred to the Monitor for disbursement in accordance with the procedures set forth above.
- 12. Donoso shall pay plaintiffs a civil penalty of one million, eight hundred fifty-six thousand, nine hundred six dollars, and fifty-eight cents (\$1,856,906.58) ("CMP Obligation").
- 13. If the CMP Obligation is not paid within 90 days of the filing date of this Order, then post-judgment interest shall accrue on the CMP Obligation beginning on the date of entry of this Order and shall be determined by using the Treasury Bill rate prevailing on the date of entry of this Order pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1961.
- 14. Donoso shall pay her CMP Obligation and any post-judgment interest, by electronic funds transfer, U.S. postal money order, certified check, bank cashier's check, or bank money order. If payment is to be made other than by electronic funds transfer, then the payment shall be made payable to the CFTC and sent to the address below:

MMAC/ESC/AMK326 Commodity Futures Trading Commission 6500 S. MacArthur Blvd. HQ Room 266 Oklahoma City, OK 73169 9-amc-ar-cftc@faa.gov

15. If payment by electronic funds transfer is chosen, Donoso shall contact the Commission at the email address above to receive payment instructions and shall fully comply with those instructions. Donoso shall accompany payment of the CMP Obligation with a cover letter that identifies Donoso and the name and docket number of this proceeding. Donoso shall simultaneously transmit copies of the cover letter and the form of payment to the Chief Financial Officer, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street, N.W.,

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Washington, D.C. 20581, and to Danielle Stoumbos, Senior Counsel, DFPI, 320 West 4th Street, Suite 750, Los Angeles, California 90013. 16. Partial Satisfaction: Acceptance by the CFTC or DFPI of any partial payment of Donoso's CMP Obligation shall not be deemed a waiver of her obligation to make further payments pursuant to this Order or a waiver of the CFTC and DFPI's right to seek to compel payment of any remaining balance. 17. Notice: All notices required to be given by any provision in this Order shall be sent certified mail, return receipt requested, and e-mail (if applicable) as follows and shall reference the name and docket number of this action: Notice to CFTC: Rick Glaser Deputy Director, Division of Enforcement Commodity Futures Trading Commission Three Lafayette Centre 1155 21st Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20581 Notice to DFPI: Danielle A. Stoumbos Senior Counsel, Enforcement Division California Department of Financial Protection & Innovation 320 West 4th Street, Suite 750 Los Angeles, CA 90013 Danielle.Stoumbos@dfpi.ca.gov Notice to Defendant: Leah Donoso 1204 Turfway Park Drive Robinson, TX 7606 Notice to NFA: Daniel Driscoll, Executive Vice President, COO National Futures Association 300 S. Riverside Plaza, Suite 1800 Chicago, IL 60606-3447 18. Change of Address/Phone: Until such time as Donoso satisfies in full her Restitution Obligation and CMP Obligation as set forth in this Order, Donoso shall provide written notice to

the CFTC and DFPI by certified mail (and e-mail, if applicable) of any change to her telephone numbers and mailing addresses within ten calendar days of the change.

- 19. Invalidation: If any provision of this Order or if the application of any provision or circumstance is held invalid, then the remainder of this Order and the application of the provision to any other person or circumstance shall not be affected by the holding.
- 20. Continuing Jurisdiction of this Court: This Court shall retain jurisdiction of this action to ensure compliance with this Order and for all other purposes related to this action, including any motion by Donoso to modify or for relief from the terms of this Order. Plaintiffs shall be solely responsible for ensuring compliance with this Order. If the Monitor seeks compliance or to otherwise enforce any provisions of this Order, he or she shall do so through plaintiffs' counsel.
- 21. Injunctive and Equitable Relief Provisions: The injunctive and equitable relief provisions of this Order shall be binding upon Donoso, upon any person under her authority or control, and upon any person who receives actual notice of this Order, by personal service, e-mail, facsimile or otherwise insofar as he or she is acting in active concert or participation with Donoso. Dated this 15th day of October, 2024.

/s/ Fernando M. Olguin United States District Judge