## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA ORLANDO DIVISION

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,

v.

Case No. 6:18-cv-862-Orl-37DCI

MOBE LTD.;
MOBEPROCESSING.COM, INC.;
TRANSACTION MANAGEMENT
USA, INC.; MOBETRAINING.COM,
INC.; 9336-0311 QUEBEC INC.;
MOBE PRO LIMITED; MOBE INC.;
MOBE ONLINE LTD.; MATT
LLOYD PUBLISHING.COM PTY
LTD.; MATTHEW LLOYD
MCPHEE; SUSAN ZANGHI; and
RUSSELL W. WHITNEY, JR.,

Defendants.

#### ORDER

Plaintiff Federal Trade Commission ("Commission" or "FTC") filed its Complaint for a permanent injunction and other equitable relief in this matter, pursuant to Section 13(b) of the Federal Trade Commission Act ("FTC Act"), 15 U.S.C. § 53(b). (Doc. 1 ("Complaint").) The FTC and Defendant Susan Zanghi ("Zanghi") now stipulate to the entry of this Stipulated Order for Permanent Injunction and Monetary Judgment ("Order") to resolve all matters in dispute in this action between them.

Therefore, it is **ORDERED** as follows:

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

- A. This Court has jurisdiction over this matter.
- B. The Complaint charges that Zanghi participated in deceptive acts or practices in violation of Section 5 of the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. § 45. (Doc. 1,  $\P$  1.)
- C. Zanghi neither admits nor denies any of the allegations in the Complaint, except as specifically stated in this Order. Only for purposes of this action, Zanghi admits the facts necessary to establish jurisdiction.
- D. Zanghi waives any claim that she may have under the Equal Access to Justice Act, 28 U.S.C. § 2412, concerning the prosecution of this action through the date of this Order, and agrees to bear her own costs and attorney fees.
- E. Zanghi and the FTC waive all rights to appeal or otherwise challenge or contest the validity of this Order.

## **DEFINITIONS**

For the purpose of this Order, the following definitions apply:

- A. "Business Coaching Program" means any program, plan, or product, including those related to work-at-home opportunities, that is represented, expressly or by implication, to train or teach a participant or purchaser how to establish a business or earn money or other consideration through a business or other activity.
- B. "Corporate Defendant(s)" means MOBE Ltd., MOBEProcessing.com, Inc., Transaction Management USA, Inc., MOBETraining.com, Inc., 9336-0311 Quebec

Inc., MOBE Pro Limited, MOBE Inc., MOBE Online Ltd., Matt Lloyd Publishing.com
Pty Ltd., and each of their subsidiaries, affiliates, successors, and assigns.

- C. **Individual Defendant(s)**" means Matthew Lloyd McPhee, Susan Zanghi, and Russell W. Whitney, Jr., individually, collectively, or in any combination.
- D. "**Defendant(s)**" means Corporate Defendants and Individual Defendants, individually, collectively, or in any combination.
- E. "Investment Opportunity" means anything, tangible or intangible, that is offered, offered for sale, sold, or traded based wholly or in part on representations, either express or implied, about past, present, or future income, profit, or appreciation.
- F. "Personal Assistant" means an individual who assists a business or person with purely administrative tasks such as scheduling, travel planning, and shopping. A personal assistant does not engage in any tasks related to obtaining payment processing services.
- G. "Receiver" means the receiver appointed in this action and any deputy receivers that the receiver names.
- H. "Receivership Entities" means Corporate Defendants as well as any other entity that has conducted any business related to Defendants' marketing and sale of Business Coaching Programs or Investment Opportunities to consumers, including receipt of assets derived from any activity that is the subject of the

Complaint in this matter, and that the Receiver determines is controlled or owned by any Defendant.

I. "Settling Defendant" means Susan Zanghi.

### **ORDER**

# I. BAN ON SALE OR MARKETING OF BUSINESS COACHING PROGRAMS AND INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES

IT IS ORDERED that Settling Defendant is permanently restrained and enjoined from:

- A. Creating, advertising, marketing, promoting, offering for sale, or selling, or assisting others in creating, advertising, marketing, promoting, offering for sale, or selling any Business Coaching Program or any Investment Opportunity;
- B. Holding, directly or through a third-person, any ownership or other financial interest in any business entity that is creating, advertising, marketing, promoting, offering for sale, or selling, or that assists others in creating, advertising, marketing, promoting, offering for sale, or selling any Business Coaching Program, any Investment Opportunity, or any product to assist in the creation or development of a Business Coaching Program or an Investment Opportunity;

Provided, however, that this Section shall not prevent Settling Defendant from working as a Personal Assistant.

#### II. PROHIBITION AGAINST MISREPRESENTATIONS

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Settling Defendant, her officers, agents, employees, and attorneys, and all other persons in active concert or participation with her, who receive actual notice of this Order, whether acting directly or indirectly, in connection with the advertising, marketing, promoting, or offering for sale of any goods or services, are permanently restrained and enjoined from misrepresenting or assisting others in misrepresenting, expressly or by implication:

- A. That consumers who purchase Defendants' goods or services will earn or are likely to earn substantial income;
- B. That purchases of Defendants' goods or services are refundable without conditions; and
- C. Any other fact material to consumers concerning any good or service, such as: the total costs; any refund policy; any material restrictions, limitations, or conditions; or any material aspect of its performance, efficacy, nature, or central characteristics.

#### III. MONETARY JUDGMENT AND PARTIAL SUSPENSION

- A. Judgment in the amount of Three Hundred Eighteen Million, Five Hundred Twelve Thousand, Three Hundred Thirty Six Dollars (\$318,512,336) is entered in favor of the Commission against Settling Defendant as equitable monetary relief.
  - B. Settling Defendant is ordered to pay to the Commission **Thirty-Three**

Thousand, Four Hundred Dollars (\$33,400). To effectuate such payment, Bank of America is ordered, within 30 days of entry of this Order, to transfer \$33,400 of the funds held in the Bank of America account in the name of Susan Zanghi ending in 9081 to a bank account designated by the Receiver in accordance with instructions provided by the Receiver. Settling Defendant is ordered to fully cooperate with the Receiver, the Commission, and Bank of America to effectuate the transfer, including promptly signing any necessary or appropriate documents. Upon such transfer by Bank of America to the Receiver: (1) the asset freeze is dissolved as to Settling Defendant; and (2) the remainder of the judgment is suspended, subject to the Subsections below.

- C. Immediately upon entry of this Order, Settling Defendant is ordered to surrender to the Commission all control, title, dominion, and interest she has to the following assets:
  - 1. Funds in any accounts in the name of the Corporate Defendants;
  - 2. Funds in any accounts in the name of all other Receivership Entities;
- 3. All assets owned by the Corporate Defendants and the Receivership Entities, including any real, personal, or intellectual property, chattel, goods, instruments, equipment, fixtures, general intangibles, effects, leaseholds, contracts, mail, or other deliveries, shares or stock, securities, inventory, checks, notes, accounts, credits, receivables, insurance policies, lines of credit, cash, trusts (including

asset protection trusts), lists of consumer names and reserve funds or any other accounts associated with any payments processed by, or on behalf of, any Corporate Defendants.

- D. The Commission's agreement to the suspension of part of the judgment is expressly premised upon the truthfulness, accuracy, and completeness of Settling Defendant's sworn financial statements and related documents (collectively, "financial representations") submitted to the Commission, namely:
- the Financial Statement of Susan Geer Zanghi signed by Settling
   Defendant on June 11, 2018, including the attachments;
- 2. the additional documentation submitted via secure file transfer from Settling Defendant's counsel to the Commission on June 11, 2018 and June 12, 2018;
- the sworn deposition testimony of Settling Defendant on June 21,
   and
- 4. the additional information submitted by email from Settling Defendant's counsel, Andrew Cove, to the Commission dated September 13, 2018.
- E. The suspension of the judgment will be lifted as to Settling Defendant if, upon motion by the Commission, the Court finds that Settling Defendant failed to disclose any material asset, materially misstated the value of any asset, or made any other material misstatement or omission in the financial representations identified above.

- F. If the suspension of the judgment is lifted, the judgment becomes immediately due as to Settling Defendant in the amount specified in Subsection A above (which the parties stipulate only for purposes of this Section represents the consumer injury alleged in the Complaint), less any payment previously made pursuant to this Section, and any payment(s) made by or on behalf of any non-settling Defendant to the Commission pursuant to a final order in this action as to such Defendant, plus interest computed from the date of entry of this Order.
- G. Settling Defendant relinquishes dominion and all legal and equitable right, title, and interest in all assets transferred pursuant to this Order and may not seek the return of any assets.
- H. The facts alleged in the Complaint will be taken as true, without further proof, in any subsequent civil litigation by or on behalf of the Commission, including in a proceeding to enforce its rights to any payment or monetary judgment pursuant to this Order, such as a non-dischargeability complaint in any bankruptcy case.
- I. The facts alleged in the Complaint establish all elements necessary to sustain an action by the Commission pursuant to Section 523(a)(2)(A) of the Bankruptcy Code, 11 U.S.C. § 523(a)(2)(A), and this Order will have collateral estoppel effect for such purposes.
- J. Settling Defendant acknowledges that her Social Security Number, which Settling Defendant previously submitted to the Commission, may be used for collecting and reporting on any delinquent amount arising out of this Order, in

accordance with 31 U.S.C. § 7701.

K. All money paid to the Commission pursuant to this Order may be deposited into a fund administered by the Commission or its designee to be used for equitable relief, including consumer redress and any attendant expenses for the administration of any redress fund. If a representative of the Commission decides that direct redress to consumers is wholly or partially impracticable or money remains after redress is completed, the Commission may apply any remaining money for such other equitable relief (including consumer information remedies) as it determines to be reasonably related to Defendants' practices alleged in the Complaint. Any money not used for such equitable relief is to be deposited to the U.S. Treasury as disgorgement. Settling Defendant has no right to challenge any actions the Commission or its representatives may take pursuant to this Subsection.

#### IV. CUSTOMER INFORMATION

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Settling Defendant, her officers, agents, employees, and attorneys, and all other persons in active concert or participation with her, who receive actual notice of this Order are permanently restrained and enjoined from directly or indirectly:

A. Failing to provide sufficient customer information to enable the Commission to efficiently administer consumer redress. If a representative of the Commission requests in writing any information related to redress, Settling Defendant must provide it, in the form prescribed by the Commission, within 14 days;

- B. Disclosing, using, or benefitting from customer information, including the name, address, telephone number, email address, Social Security number, other identifying information, or any data that enables access to a customer's account (including a credit card, bank account, or other financial account), that any Defendant obtained prior to entry of this Order in connection with any activity that pertains to the sale of any Business Coaching Program or Investment Opportunity; and
- C. Failing to destroy such customer information in all forms in her possession, custody, or control within 30 days after receipt of written direction to do so from a representative of the Commission.

Provided, however, that customer information need not be disposed of, and may be disclosed, to the extent requested by a government agency or required by law, regulation, or court order.

#### V. COOPERATION

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Settling Defendant must fully cooperate with representatives of the Commission in this case and in any investigation related to or associated with the transactions or the occurrences that are the subject of the Complaint. Settling Defendant must provide truthful and complete information, evidence, and testimony. Settling Defendant must appear for interviews, discovery, hearings, trials, and any other proceedings that a Commission representative may reasonably request upon 5 days written notice, or other reasonable notice, at such places and times as a Commission representative may designate, without the service

of a subpoena.

#### VI. ORDER ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Settling Defendant obtain acknowledgments of receipt of this Order:

- A. Settling Defendant, within 7 days of entry of this Order, must submit to the Commission an acknowledgment of receipt of this Order sworn under penalty of perjury.
- B. For 20 years after entry of this Order, the Settling Defendant, for any business that she individually or collectively with any other Defendants is the majority owner or controls directly or indirectly, must deliver a copy of this Order to: (1) all principals, officers, directors, and LLC managers and members; (2) all employees having managerial responsibilities for conduct related to the subject matter of the Order and all agents and representatives who participate in conduct related to the subject matter of the Order; and (3) any business entity resulting from any change in structure as set forth in the Section titled Compliance Reporting. Delivery must occur within 7 days of entry of this Order for current personnel. For all others, delivery must occur before they assume their responsibilities.
- C. From each individual or entity to which Settling Defendant delivered a copy of this Order, Settling Defendant must obtain, within 30 days, a signed and dated acknowledgment of receipt of this Order.

#### VII. COMPLIANCE REPORTING

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Settling Defendant make timely submissions to the Commission:

- A. One year after entry of this Order, Settling Defendant must submit a compliance report, sworn under penalty of perjury:
- 1. Settling Defendant must: (a) identify the primary physical, postal, and email address and telephone number, as designated points of contact, which representatives of the Commission may use to communicate with Settling Defendant; (b) identify all of Settling Defendant's businesses by all of their names, telephone numbers, and physical, postal, email, and Internet addresses; (c) describe the activities of each business, including the goods and services offered, the means of advertising, marketing, and sales, and the involvement of any other Defendant (which Settling Defendant must describe if she knows or should know due to her own involvement); (d) describe in detail whether and how Settling Defendant is in compliance with each Section of this Order; and (e) provide a copy of each Order Acknowledgment obtained pursuant to this Order, unless previously submitted to the Commission.
- 2. Additionally, Settling Defendant must: (a) identify all telephone numbers and all physical, postal, email and Internet addresses, including all residences; (b) identify all business activities, including any business for which

Settling Defendant performs services whether as an employee or otherwise and any entity in which Settling Defendant has any ownership interest; and (c) describe in detail Settling Defendant's involvement in each such business, including title, role, responsibilities, participation, authority, control, and any ownership.

- B. For 10 years after entry of this Order, Settling Defendant must submit a compliance notice, sworn under penalty of perjury, within 14 days of any change in the following:
- 1. Settling Defendant must report any change in: (a) any designated point of contact; or (b) the structure of any entity that Settling Defendant has any ownership interest in or controls directly or indirectly that may affect compliance obligations arising under this Order, including: creation, merger, sale, or dissolution of the entity or any subsidiary, parent, or affiliate that engages in any acts or practices subject to this Order.
- 2. Additionally, Settling Defendant must report any change in: (a) name, including aliases or fictitious name, or residence address; or (b) title or role in any business activity, including any business for which Settling Defendant performs services whether as an employee or otherwise and any entity in which Settling Defendant has any ownership interest, and identify the name, physical address, and any Internet address of the business or entity.
- C. Settling Defendant must submit to the Commission notice of the filing of any bankruptcy petition, insolvency proceeding, or similar proceeding by or

against her within 14 days of its filing.

- D. Any submission to the Commission required by this Order to be sworn under penalty of perjury must be true and accurate and comply with 28 U.S.C. § 1746, such as by concluding: "I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on: \_\_\_\_\_" and supplying the date, signatory's full name, title (if applicable), and signature.
- E. Unless otherwise directed by a Commission representative in writing, all submissions to the Commission pursuant to this Order must be emailed to DEbrief@ftc.gov or sent by overnight courier (not the U.S. Postal Service) to: Associate Director for Enforcement, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20580. The subject line must begin: FTC v. MOBE, et al. (MOBE), No. X180034.

#### VIII. RECORDKEEPING

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Settling Defendant must create certain records for 10 years after entry of the Order, and retain each such record for 5 years. Specifically, Settling Defendant, for any business that she, individually or collectively with any other Defendants, is a majority owner or controls directly or indirectly, must create and retain the following records:

- A. Accounting records showing the revenues from all goods or services sold;
  - B. Personnel records showing, for each person providing services, whether

as an employee or otherwise, that person's: name; addresses; telephone numbers; job title or position; dates of service; and (if applicable) the reason for termination;

- C. Records of all consumer complaints and refund requests, whether received directly or indirectly, such as through a third party, and any response;
- D. All records necessary to demonstrate full compliance with each provision of this Order, including all submissions to the Commission; and
  - E. A copy of each unique advertisement or other marketing material.

#### IX. COMPLIANCE MONITORING

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, for the purpose of monitoring Settling Defendant's compliance with this Order, including the financial representations upon which part of the judgment was suspended:

- A. Within 14 days of receipt of a written request from a representative of the Commission, Settling Defendant must: submit additional compliance reports or other requested information, which must be sworn under penalty of perjury; appear for depositions; and produce documents for inspection and copying. The Commission is also authorized to obtain discovery, without further leave of court, using any of the procedures prescribed by Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 29, 30 (including telephonic depositions), 31, 33, 34, 36, 45, and 69.
- B. For matters concerning this Order, the Commission is authorized to communicate directly with Settling Defendant. Settling Defendant must permit representatives of the Commission to interview any employee or other person

affiliated with any Defendant who has agreed to such an interview. The person interviewed may have counsel present.

- C. The Commission may use all other lawful means, including posing through its representatives as consumers, suppliers, or other individuals or entities, to Settling Defendant or any individual or entity affiliated with Settling Defendant, without the necessity of identification or prior notice. Nothing in this Order limits the Commission's lawful use of compulsory process, pursuant to Sections 9 and 20 of the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 49, 57b-1.
- D. Upon written request from a representative of the Commission, any consumer reporting agency must furnish consumer reports concerning Settling Defendant, pursuant to Section 604(1) of the Fair Credit Reporting Act, 15 U.S.C. §1681b(a)(1).

## X. RETENTION OF JURISDICTION

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Court shall retain jurisdiction of this matter for purposes of construction, modification, and enforcement of this Order.

#### XI. CONCLUSION

Accordingly, it is hereby **ORDERED AND ADJUDGED** that the Consent Motion for Approval and Entry of Stipulated Final Order Against Susan Zanghi (Doc. 138) is **GRANTED**.

**DONE AND ORDERED** in Chambers in Orlando, Florida, on December 6, 2018.



United States District Judge

Copies to: Counsel of Record