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Case: 1:11-cv-00991 Document #: 122-4 Filed: 11/30/12 Page 2 of 16 PageID #:2013 Page 1 Page 2 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 1 APPEARANCES: 1 2 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS 2 3 Civil Action No. 11 CV 991 FEDERMAN & SHERWOOD 3 4 Attorneys for Plaintiffs 4 ARTHUR L. BRASHER, et al., 5 10205 North Pennsvlvania Avenue 5 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73120 Plaintiffs 6 6 WILLIAM B. FEDERMAN, ESQ. 7 BY: vs 8 7 SIDLEY AUSTIN LLP 9 BROADWIND ENERGY, INC., Attorneys for Defendants 10 et al., 8 11 One South Dearborn 9 Defendants. Chicago, Illinois 60603 12 10 13 BY: JAMES W. DUCAYET, ESQ. 11 14 12 15 13 16 October 26, 2012 14 15 9:08 a.m. 17 16 18 17 Deposition of CANDACE L. PRESTON, 19 18 held at the offices of Sidley Austin LLP, 20 19 787 Seventh Avenue, New York, New York, 21 20 pursuant to notice, before Cary N. Bigelow, 2.2 21 Court Reporter, a Notary Public of the 2.2 State of New York. 23 2.3 24 2.4 Veritext Chicago Reporting Company Veritext Chicago Reporting Company 312-442-9087 847-406-3200 312-442-9087 847-406-3200 800-248-3290 800-248-3290 Page 3 Page 4 CANDACE L. PRESTON, called as a 1 1 2 2 witness, having been duly sworn by a Notary 3 3 Public, was examined and testified as 4 STIPULATIONS 4 follows: IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED, by EXAMINATION BY 5 5 and among counsel for the respective parties MR. DUCAYET: 6 6 7 hereto, that the filing, sealing and 7 ο. Good morning. certification of the within deposition shall 8 8 Could you please state your name for be and the same are hereby waived; 9 9 the record. 10 IT IS FURTHER STIPULATED AND AGREED 10 Candace L. Preston. Α. that all objections, except as to the form Ms. Preston, vou've submitted a 11 ο. 11 12 of the question, shall be reserved to the 12 declaration in this case; is that right? 13 time of the trial; 13 Δ I have. IT IS FURTHER STIPULATED AND AGREED I have gone ahead and had the court 14 14 Ο. that the within deposition may be sworn to 15 reporter mark as Preston Exhibit 1 a copy of the 15 16 and signed before any notary public with 16 declaration. the same force and effect as if signed and (Preston Exhibit 1, declaration of 17 17 sworn to before the Court. Candace L. Preston in support of plaintiffs' 18 18 * motion for class certification with attached 19 * 19 2.0 2.0 exhibits, production Nos. PRESTON 000001 through PRESTON 000069, marked for 21 21 identification, as of this date.) 22 22 23 23 Ms. Preston, is that the declaration Ο. 24 that you've submitted in this case? 24

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1	while he was at Princeton Venture?	1	engaged in this matter?
2	A. I believe so.	2	A. I think it was March, now that I I'm
3	Q. Let's turn back to the declaration, if	3	remembering it was either March or early April,
4	we could, Ms. Preston.	4	probably.
5	The declaration is dated June 22nd of	5	Q. When you were first contacted by
6	this year; is that right?	6	Mr. Federman did he describe for you the scope of
7	A. Yes, correct.	7	your proposed engagement?
8	Q. When were you first contacted by anyone	8	A. I believe so.
9	from the plaintiffs' side to get involved in this	9	Q. What do you recall him telling you?
10	case?	10	A. I believe I recall him saying that he
11	A. 2012 for sure.	11	wanted me to look at and see if I was comfortable
12	Q. Can you put any more specificity on	12	opining that Broadwind's stock was efficient.
13	that?	13	Q. Apart from the issue of market
14	A. No.	14	efficiency did you and Mr. Federman discuss any
15	Q. Was it a couple of months? Was it six	15	other potential opinions that you might render?
16	months? Was it a couple of weeks? Can you	16	A. At some point we discussed the issue of
17	recall?	17	the materiality of the disclosure on March 12.
18	A. It wasn't a couple of weeks and I don't	18	Q. Other than market efficiency and
19	think it was six months.	19	materiality did you discuss the possibility of
20	Q. Fair enough.	20	your rendering any additional opinions in this
21	Who first contacted you in connection	21	matter?
22	with this engagement?	22	A. No.
23	A. I believe it was Mr. Federman.	23	Q. After you were formally engaged by
24	Q. Do you recall when you were formally	24	by the way, in this conversation that you had
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1	with Mr. Federman was anyone else on the line?
2	A. Stewart Emmons may have been, and I am
3	my memory is not really clear. It may have
4	been I spoke with Mr. Emmons first and then spoke
5	with Mr. Federman all in the same time frame.
6	Q. Who was your once you were engaged,
7	who was your sort of primary contact?
8	A. I would say that I had contact with
9	both Mr. Emmons and Mr. Federman.
10	Q. Have you had any contact with anyone
11	from the Robbins Geller firm in this matter?
12	A. Not that I recall.
13	Q. And specifically Joseph Russello, does
14	that name ring a bell?
15	A. You know, there may have been a phone
16	call that he participated in, but I don't recall
17	any specific contact with him.
18	Q. Have you ever done any other work for
19	Mr. Federman or his law firm?
20	A. Yes.
21	Q. On how many occasions?
22	A. Two, I believe.
23	Q. Which two occasions were those? Can
24	you describe those?
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1	A. One is public where it involves an
2	opinion on some funds that were sponsored by
3	Direxion, D-i-r-e-x-i-o-n; the other is a
4	consulting matter that I will not public
5	acknowledge.
6	Q. The first was Direxion?
7	A. Direxion, yes.
8	Q. Is that a litigation?
9	A. It's a litigation.
10	Q. Do you know where that's pending?
11	A. I don't recall. I am not certain.
12	Q. Is that matter still ongoing?
13	A. Yes.
14	Q. Do you recall what kind of case that
15	was? Was that a 10(b)(5) case, was it a
16	derivative matter?
17	A. It's a Section 11.
18	Q. And Mr. Federman's firm is representing
19	the plaintiffs in that matter?
20	A. Yes.
21	Q. Have you rendered any opinions in the
22	Direxion case?
23	A. Yes.
24	Q. What were the nature of those opinions?
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1	A. They had to do with the damages	1	Q. In connection with the consulting
2	suffered by plaintiffs.	2	matter, I won't pry into the details, but can you
3	Q. Did you prepare a report?	3	tell me if that is an ongoing matter?
4	A. I did.	4	A. It is.
5	Q. Do you recall approximately when that	5	Q. So apart from the Direxion case and the
6	report was prepared?	6	consulting matter are there any other occasions
7	A. Recently, in the last few months.	7	in which you've been retained by the Federman
8	There were actually, I will tell you, several.	8	firm?
9	Q. Several reports?	9	A. Not to my knowledge. It may be the
10	A. Several reports.	10	case that they have been co-counsel on something,
11	Q. Did they all pertain to the issue of	11	but this is the first interaction that I've had
12	damages?	12	with them.
13	A. Yes.	13	Q. In connection with the Direxion matter
14	Q. Was that in the nature of an initial	14	is Mr. Federman's firm the lead counsel in that
15	report and then a rebuttal report?	15	for the plaintiffs, do you know?
16	A. Correct.	16	A. I'm not sure.
17	Q. Who was the expert on the defendants'	17	Q. Do you know if there are other firms
18	side, if you can recall?	18	involved on the behalf of the plaintiffs?
19	A. I don't know.	19	A. There are.
20	Q. Did you offer any opinions about market	20	Q. Have you been working with the Federman
21	efficiency in connection with your opinions in	21	firm in connection with the preparation of your
22	the Direxion case?	22	opinions?
23	A. It's a Section 11 case, so it doesn't	23	MR. FEDERMAN: In which case?
24	require market efficiency.	24	Q. This is in the Direxion matter.
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1	A. They have certainly been involved.
2	Q. Which other firms are involved in
3	Direxion, if you can recall?
4	A. I believe it's Wolf Haldenstein.
5	Q. Getting back to the Broadwind matter,
6	after your retention did you meet with counsel?
7	A. No, not in person, no.
8	Q. Not in person.
9	Did you have any telephone
10	conversations with them?
11	A. Yes.
12	Q. Approximately how many?
13	A. Maybe four or five.
14	Q. Did you put together a team to work on
15	this engagement after you were retained?
16	A. Yes.
17	Q. Who was the team for financial
18	analysis?
19	A. Cynthia Jones also worked with me.
20	Q. What is Ms. Jones' background?
21	A. She is a she's a managing director
22	with our firm and she's an analyst, she has an
23	MBA, she is a chartered financial analyst, she
24	has done various she has had various analytic
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1	jobs, she worked for a hedge fund, and she ran a
2	bridal salon.
3	Q. How long has Ms. Jones worked for
4	Financial Markets Analysis?
5	A. I think her first day was, like, two
6	days before 9/11, so
7	Q. So over 10 years?
8	A. Yes, eleven.
9	Q. Other than you and Ms. Jones was there
10	anyone else who worked with you on this matter?
11	A. Christine Meyer.
12	Q. Who is Ms. Meyer?
13	A. She is a researcher and an analyst.
14	And probably Tatiana Cpeckova.
15	Q. Is she also a researcher?
16	A. She is.
17	Q. So of the four people yourself,
18	Ms. Jones, Ms. Meyer, and Ms. Cpeckova what
19	was the allocation of responsibilities in the
20	preparation of the declaration?
21	A. In this case I probably did the vast
22	majority of the work. I worked with Ms. Jones
23	and she would have directed Ms. Meyer and
24	Ms. Cpeckova, but I did most of the work.
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1	days later when The Wall Street Journal picked it	1	imperfect efficient market. Nothing that I have
2	up that the market reacted and it was found to be	2	ever seen is perfectly efficient, so I think that
3	an efficient reaction.	3	it is you know, and this was a very clear
4	Q. Is this an opinion that you've offered	4	example of a situation where the actual filing or
5	or	5	the publication of the information in the Wall
6	A. I did not offer that, and I am aware of	6	Street Journal caused the reaction.
7	that, I suppose, because it would have been	7	Q. So what do you mean by an imperfect
8	relevant to another opinion I may have offered,	8	efficient market?
9	but I don't recall specifically any others that	9	A. I mean there's academic literature that
10	I've offered.	10	would say there doesn't even have to be a trade
11	Q. And just to talk about the Louisiana	11	that takes place that we can see if we can
12	Pacific matter, do you know if that's a situation	12	estimate what the cash flow implications of
13	in which the 10-Q at issue was available to	13	something would be that we can judge where the
14	market participants through the EDGAR system?	14	price would go, but so that would be, like,
15	A. Well, it was filed EDGAR I believe	15	nirvana, but that ignores real people, that
16	it was, you know, because this was certainly an	16	ignores that you might see different implications
17	issue in the litigation.	17	than I would from the same information, it
18	Q. So is it your view that the filing of a	18	ignores the fact that sometimes people miss
19	10-Q that contains significant unanticipated	19	something and it doesn't happen that information
20	company-specific news that is filed using the	20	is that people discover the information as
21	EDGAR system that then takes 10 days before there	21	quickly as you would like, it ignores the fact
22	is a stock price reaction is consistent with an	22	that sometimes there's leakage and the impact
23	efficient market?	23	actually happens before the information is
24	A. I think it's consistent with an	24	released publicly, so there are things that make

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Page 39 1 markets -- it's what makes markets that if we 2 all knew in advance everything then there 3 wouldn't be any participation. We all have different opinions. 4 Sometimes it's -- I think we talked about the 5 6 size of bids and asks and the number of shares, 7 it's one of the reasons at the end of the day 8 that somebody maybe posts an ask that is a 9 hundred percent above the price or something 10 because you don't always know what's going to happen, you can't always check. 11 12 Ο. And does anything that you just 13 described relate to a distinction between a strong form efficiency and a semi-strong form 14 efficiency? 15 16 Α. I suppose not. 17 Strong form embodies the idea that the market knows even those things that are inside 18 information. What I'm talking about is -- and so 19 2.0 a perfect semi-strong form would react perfectly 21 in a semi-strong manner to publicly known 22 information. I don't think that's the same as 23 strong. Okay. That's a helpful clarification. 24 0

Page 40 1 Let's go back to the Louisiana Pacific 2 situation you described. 3 That's a case, as I understand it, 4 where it would be possible for an investor who is following EDGAR filings by the company to 5 6 arbitrage for up to 10 days before the 7 information is affecting the stock price; isn't that right? 8 It would be possible for an investor 9 Α. 10 who had that information to trade on that information. 11 12 ο. You referenced the order in this case 13 and I think you were referring to a footnote in that order that the judge included relating to 14 the ending point of the class period. 15 16 Is that what you're talking about? 17 А Correct 18 Specifically, just so the record is Ο. clear, the judge ended the class period not 19 2.0 immediately upon the disclosure of what the plaintiffs considered to be corrective 21 22 information, but he tacked on an extra week; is 23 that right? 24 Δ He added seven days for the market to

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1	fully absorb the information.		1	paragraph 16, in paragraph 16 this section deals
2	Q. Are you offering any opinion that it	:	2	with average weekly trading volume during the
3	would take seven full days for information,		3	class period?
4	material information to be fully incorporated in		4	A. It does.
5	Broadwind's stock price during this period?		5	Q. And it's your opinion that the average
6	A. No.		6	weekly trading volume relative to the number of
7	Could we take a break right now?		7	shares outstanding supports a conclusion that
8	MR. DUCAYET: Let's take a short break.		8	Broadwind stock was trading in an efficient
9	(Recess taken.)	:	9	market?
. 0	BY MR. DUCAYET:	1	0	A. I think that is one of the Cammer
. 1	Q. Ms. Preston, just to follow up on that	1	1	factors and I think it's satisfied.
.2	last answer that you gave, is it your opinion in	1	2	Q. You say in paragraph 16 that the
3	this matter that it would take more than a single	1	3	turnover as a percentage of average shares
4	trading day for material unanticipated company-	1	4	outstanding during the class period was 1.8
5	specific news to be reflected in Broadwind's	1	5	percent.
6	stock price during the class period?	1	6	Do you see that?
17	A. I think there are examples of that, so,	1	7	A. I do.
8	yes.	1	8	Q. And that's the average throughout the
9	Q. In your view, would it take more than	1	9	entire class period; right?
2 0	two days for material unanticipated news to be	2	0	A. That's correct.
21	reflected in Broadwind's stock price during the	2	1	Q. Is it also true that the percentage,
22	class period?	2	2	the turnover as a percentage of average shares
23	A. I think it could.	2	3	outstanding was less than one percent at certain
24	Q. If you could take a look now at	2	4	points during the class period?
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1	A. May have been.	1	it would be different.
2	Q. Now, you know that for a portion of the	2	Q. Why is the percentage of shares in
3	class period the company was trading on the	3	public hands not held by affiliates, why is that
4	over-the-counter exchange as opposed to on	4	the relevant denominator when looking at the
5	NASDAQ; right?	5	turnover?
6	A. Yes.	6	A. It's a piece of information. I think
7	Q. Is it your opinion that the Broadwind	7	it isn't necessarily a more dispositive piece of
8	stock was trading in an efficient market during	8	information than is the 1.8 percent, but it is a
9	the period that it was trading over-the-counter?	9	piece of information. If you are an analyst you
10	A. Yes.	10	like numbers, you like information.
11	Q. In paragraph 16 you indicate that the	11	Q. For example, if 99.9 percent of shares
12	turnover as a percentage of the average shares in	12	were held by insiders or affiliates and only .1
13	public hands, i.e., not held by affiliates, was	13	percent were actually trading in the public, that
14	4.5 percent?	14	would be relevant to the issue of efficiency?
15	A. Correct.	15	A. It would be a piece of information,
16	Q. Again, was that true throughout the	16	sure.
17	whole class period?	17	Q. Let's take a look at Exhibit C to your
18	A. I believe that's the yes, throughout	18	report.
19	the class period calculation.	19	MR. FEDERMAN: What's the Bates number
20	Q. And do you know whether it was less	20	page?
21	than that at particular points in time during the	21	THE WITNESS: 28.
22	class period?	22	Q. Exhibit C is a list of reporting
23	A. Well, the shares in hands not held by	23	investors holding Broadwind stock between March
24	affiliates changed with the January offering, so	24	31, 2009 and March 31, 2010; right?
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1	A. Correct.	1	A. That's correct.
2	Q. Included in this list are both insiders	2	Q. And then immediately to the right you
3	and affiliated investors; right?	3	have a series of columns indicating various
4	A. That's correct.	4	points in time during the class period?
5	Q. So, for example, on page PRESTON 28,	5	A. Correct.
6	number 38 is John Cameron Drecoll, who is a	6	Q. And those columns indicate whatever
7	defendant in this case; right?	7	position was held by the investor in the far
8	A. Correct.	8	left-hand column on that particular date?
9	MR. DUCAYET: This will be Exhibit 2,	9	A. Correct.
10	please.	10	Q. And then on the far right-hand column
11	(Preston Exhibit 2, two-page printout	11	you've got some additional information about the
12	of Excel file entitled "momentum.xlss,"	12	investor, including their investor type, their
13	marked for identification, as of this date.)	13	country, city and mailing address?
14	Q. Ms. Preston, what's been marked as	14	A. Correct.
15	Preston Exhibit 2 and put in front of you is a	15	Q. So let's take a look at the column in
16	printout of an Excel file that was provided to us	16	the middle that identifies positions as of March
17	as part of your workpapers, the title of the file	17	31st, 2009.
18	was momentum.xlss, and I apologize because the	18	Do you see that?
19	typeface is a little on the small side, but	19	A. Yes, I do.
20	nevertheless, this is a printout of that file.	20	Q. If I'm understanding this correctly, as
21	Is that familiar to you?	21	of March 31st there are 11 investors who are
22	A. It looks like our worksheet, yes.	22	holding positions that were recorded.
23	Q. The columns here, you've got on the far	23	Does that look right to you?
24	left-hand side a list of investor names; right?	24	It's a little hard to read.
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1	A. Yes.
2	Q. And of those, as far as I can tell,
3	only three of them are nonaffiliated investors.
4	A. I have to tell you, that may be.
5	Everything is so small and there's no when I
6	look at this on a screen there's a grid so I can
7	follow across, but I wouldn't doubt it, I presume
8	that you actually did look at it someplace and I
9	will accept your representation.
10	Q. Sure.
11	Let me just for the record identify
12	what I believe to be the nonaffiliated entities.
13	It's First Trust Advisors and then,
14	flipping the page over, it's Marquette Asset
15	Management and then Putnam Investment Management
16	LLC, and the others are all either current or
17	former directors or officers or investors such as
18	Tontine.
19	Does the fact that there are only three
20	unaffiliated investors as of the March 31, 2009
21	time frame have any bearing on your opinion that
22	the market for Broadwind stock was efficient at
23	that point in time?
24	A. No. Remember, these are reporting

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1	investors. We've identified a handful of shares.
2	There were many more shares outstanding that were
3	held by nonreporting individuals, and in fact if
4	somebody had controlled all those shares we would
5	see them as a reporting individual, so, no, that
6	doesn't affect my opinion.
7	Q. Turning back to your report, paragraph
8	17, the last sentence of that paragraph reads
9	"Many of these reporting investors held and
10	traded shares on behalf of individual investors."
11	Do you see that?
12	A. I do.
13	Q. What's the basis for that statement?
14	A. That in fact there are people on here
15	or institutions on here that manage funds or
16	manage individual accounts for investors.
17	Q. Do you know whether any of those
18	reporting investors are index investors that hold
19	the stock in an effort to replicate a particular
20	stock index?
21	A. There may be some that do. Certainly,
22	I mean, we see the fact that when the company is
23	added to the Russell that, in fact, the volume
24	increases dramatically, there is a substantial
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1	increase in price.		1	information.
2	Q. We will talk about that in a minute,		2	Q. But are they themselves buying and
3	but just so we're clear, that's because investors		3	selling because of specific information that
4	who are offering an index fund, for example, are		4	comes into the market about the company?
5	attempting to replicate the basket of stocks that		5	A. They are buying and selling a specific
6	is represented in the index?		6	amount based on that.
7	A. Correct.		7	Q. But are they themselves making any
8	Q. In that case are investors buying or		8	investment decisions based upon their analysis of
9	selling Broadwind stock not in response to		9	company-specific information?
0	company-specific information but in order to	1	10	A. I think if you are replicating an index
1	maintain whatever the appropriate percentage is	1	11	you are buying a particular member of that index.
2	in order to replicate the index?	1	12	Now let me just also say lots of funds
3	A. I don't think motivation has a lot to	1	13	that are put together to replicate indexes don't
4	do with any legal requirement to begin with that	1	14	buy all the stocks in the index, so there can be
. 5	I'm aware, but the price shouldn't reflect	1	15	a certain amount of judgment based on by the
6	whether you're an investor replicating an index	1	16	fund manager as well, so there are a number of
.7	or an investor who likes green energy or	1	17	things that go into that decision.
8	whatever, it should reflect a consensus value.	1	18	Q. But ordinarily you wouldn't expect an
9	Q. But are index investors, people who are	1	19	index investor to be making purchase or sale
0	buying and selling in order to replicate an	2	20	decisions based upon company-specific information
1	index, are they doing so on the basis of	2	21	that may be coming into the market at a given
22	company-specific information?	2	22	point?
23	A. Generally their position may be, in a	2	23	A. I don't think you would, that's
24	particular stock, is affected by company-specific	2	24	correct, not whether to purchase or not, but at
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1	what price and how many shares would be based on
2	company-specific information because that would
3	be reflected in the price of the stock.
4	Q. In other words, they are relying on the
5	market price to reflect the available public
6	information, they are not themselves doing any
7	underlying analysis of what that information is?
8	A. That's correct, that's what I would
9	expect.
10	Q. Let's look at paragraph 20 and this is
11	on the topic of analyst coverage.
12	A. Yes.
13	Q. So paragraph 20 sets forth your opinion
14	that the reports issued by the firms listed and
15	discussed above and by above you are referring
16	to paragraph 19
17	A. Right.
18	Q constituted adequate coverage of
19	Broadwind and its common stock during the class
20	period and support the assumption of an efficient
21	market for Broadwind stock.
22	Is that your opinion?
23	A. Yes.
24	Q. Now turning to paragraph 19, as I read
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1	this paragraph, you make a distinction between
2	analysts and research providers on the one hand
3	and research services on the other hand; is that
4	right?
5	A. There is a distinction, yes.
6	Q. Just to be clear, the analysts and
7	research providers that you're talking about are
8	Macquarie Research, JP Morgan and Raymond James;
9	right?
10	A. So those are the analysts that I would
11	be discussing, yes.
12	Q. So we will call those analysts.
13	And then research services are Global
14	Markets Direct, RiskMetrics, Thomson Street
15	Events and Datamonitor; correct?
16	A. Correct.
17	Q. And the research services provide, as
18	you indicate, transcripts and technical data
19	through published reports; right?
20	A. Right. They may include some
21	expectations of what, how the stock will perform
22	on a technical basis.
23	Q. But they don't prepare their own
24	estimates of earnings, for example?
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1	Α.	I don't recall any earnings estimates,
2	no.	
3	Q.	And they don't offer, these research
4	services	don't offer any of their own commentary
5	or analys	is on the company's performance or its
6	future pr	ospects; right?
7	Α.	It would be rare.
8	Q.	And you didn't see any examples in this
9	case, did	you?
10	Α.	I can't recall any.
11	Q.	Let's talk about analysts.
12		Turn to Exhibit D, if you could.
13		What is the Bates number of that?
14	Α.	32.
15	Q.	Exhibit D is essentially a list of both
16	the analy	st and the research services that
17	provided	reports on Broadwind during the class
18	period; i	s that correct?
19	Α.	That's correct.
20	Q.	Now, the first
21	Α.	I shouldn't say these are the ones
22	that Thom	son tracks, so I think I'm not sure,
23	for examp	le, if Raymond James is on here or not,
24	but I bel	ieve I picked that up through a news
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1	article or something, so
2	Q. I didn't see Raymond James on here.
3	Looking at Exhibit D, is it the case
4	that the first instance of an analyst report is
5	Macquarie Research initiating coverage on
6	February 24, 2010?
7	A. Yes.
8	Q. And likewise JP Morgan initiates
9	coverage on March 9, 2010; right?
10	A. Right.
11	Q. And do you recall when Raymond James
12	initiated
13	A. I don't.
14	Q. Do you have any reason to think it was
15	before February 24, 2010?
16	A. I just don't recall.
17	Q. Going back to your report, one of the
18	factors that you identify as relevant to the
19	efficiency opinion that you are offering is
20	whether or not the company traded on the NASDAQ
21	stock market.
22	Is that right?
23	A. It's something I considered for sure,
24	yeah.
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1	Q. And the fact that it's trading on	1
2	NASDAQ is, in your mind, a fact that supports a	2
3	conclusion of market efficiency?	3
4	A. Yes. And how it got there supports it	4
5	as well.	5
6	Q. We've already discussed this, but it's	6
7	your opinion that the period prior to its listing	7
8	on NASDAQ when it was trading over the counter or	8
9	on the pink sheets is also, in your view, a	9
10	period when the market was efficient?	10
11	A. That's correct.	11
12	Q. And I apologize if I asked you this	12
13	already, but have you ever offered an opinion	13
14	that a stock trading over the counter on the pink	14
15	sheets is trading in an efficient market?	15
16	A. I don't recall.	16
17	MR. DUCAYET: I will mark as Preston	17
18	Exhibit 3	18
19	Q. You're really going to love this one.	19
20	A. You know, I'm sorry they're so tiny.	20
21	On the other hand, I appreciate that they are on	21
22	one page.	22
23	Q. That's what I was trying to do.	23
24	MR. FEDERMAN: So this will be Exhibit	24
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1	3?
2	MR. DUCAYET: Yes.
3	(Preston Exhibit 3, eight-page printout
4	of portions of an Excel file entitled
5	"regresscomps.xls," marked for
6	identification, as of this date.)
7	Q. Ms. Preston I have given you a document
8	that's been marked as Preston Exhibit 3, let me
9	just describe for you what this is.
10	So among your workpapers was an Excel
11	spreadsheet that was called regresscomps.xls.
12	What I did was to print out a portion
13	of the spreadsheet and the portion that I printed
14	out are all of the columns that get between, on
15	the one hand, in the left-hand column the date
16	and in the right-hand column your test for
17	statistical significance.
18	Do you see that?
19	A. At greater than the 95 percent or,
2 0	slash, five percent level.
21	Q. And then I'll just represent to you
22	that there are some additional columns in the
23	spreadsheet which essentially report the overall
24	conclusion that flows from the regression that is
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1	community which may play out in its ability to		1	of the value that wasn't formerly available
2	get financing, if it needed more financing for		2	because some people were prohibited from owning
3	expansion, it may play out in its acceptance		3	the stock, so I think when we look at this
4	among customers, so there are a lot of those		4	Preston 2 we saw a dramatic increase in the
5	things that kind of all go together to create a		5	number of reporting institutions once the company
6	value and the stock price reflects that.		6	was included on NASDAQ.
7	Now, it's hard to tell exactly what		7	I think that that is exactly the kind
8	drives that.		8	of thing where the underlying value and when
9	Q. It certainly is not investors'		9	you're talking about future cash flows, those
10	perceptions of the cash flows of the company, the		10	cash flows are discounted. The discount rate
11	future cash flows of the company; right?		11	when not as many people can own a stock would be
12	A. But it could be, it certainly could be.		12	greater.
13	They say, oh, all right, now we're		13	Once it is once the stock is
14	looking at a company, I want to own this company		14	available to more buyers then that discount rate
15	because this company is recognized and it's going		15	changes and you're still looking at the same,
16	to get more business and as a result the cash		16	perhaps, cash flow, although maybe you get more
17	flows will increase.		17	recognition, you get more customers, but the
18	Q. But the inclusion on an index or on a		18	discount rate changes and the value reflects a
19	stock exchange doesn't provide any information at		19	new discount rate.
20	that time about changes in the company's future		20	Q. And that's because as you calculate the
21	cash flows, does it?		21	current value of future cash flows you are using
22	A. What it provides is let's talk about		22	a different discounting factor?
23	the inclusion on NASDAQ.		23	A. Exactly.
24	What it actually does is unleash some		24	Q. Are you aware of any academic
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1	literature that suggests
2	MR. DUCAYET: Strike that.
3	Q. Now, the increase in stock price upon
4	inclusion in an index is a relatively common
5	phenomenon, would you agree?
6	A. Yes.
7	Q. Are you aware of any academic
8	literature that suggests that that's actually
9	evidence of market inefficiency as opposed to
10	market efficiency?
11	A. No.
12	MR. DUCAYET: Let's take a short break.
13	(Recess taken.)
14	BY MR. DUCAYET:
15	Q. Let's turn to a couple of the dates
16	that you discuss in your declaration beginning at
17	paragraph 38.
18	A. Yes.
19	Q. And paragraph 38 in particular
20	discusses information that was disclosed just
21	before the market closed on March 17, 2009.
22	Do you see that?
23	A. Correct.
24	Q. That was an announcement by the company
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1	of its financial results for the fourth quarter
2	and fiscal year ending December 31, 2008; right?
3	A. Correct.
4	Q. And you describe that information as
5	extraordinary news?
6	A. Yes.
7	Q. When you say extraordinary, you mean
8	positive?
9	A. In this case positive, yes.
10	Q. And that is a function of the fact that
11	the earnings that were reported showed EBITDA
12	increasing by about 40 times?
13	A. Yes.
14	Q. So going back to the process you went
15	through looking at dates, this is information you
16	would expect would have a positive price reaction?
17	A. I would.
18	Q. Was it your understanding that this was
19	unanticipated positive news?
20	A. Yes.
21	Q. And how do you know that?
22	A. When I look at it is my
23	understanding based on the price reaction to
24	begin with, you rarely would see this strong a
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1	price reaction to something that was
2	unanticipated.
3	I think there was I can't remember
4	if it was Factiva, from the Journal a report
5	that came out that said, you know, watch this
6	stock, important movement coming up as a result
7	of this information coming out.
8	Q. Do you know when that particular report
9	that you're thinking about was issued?
10	A. I believe it was the morning of the
11	18th.
12	Q. Do you have any understanding as to why
13	the company was reporting such a significant
14	increase in its EBITDA?
15	A. I think there were a number of things
16	to do with the acquisition of Brad Foote and I
17	don't remember all the details.
18	Q. With respect to the acquisition of Brad
19	Foote that was information that the market was
20	previously aware of; right?
21	A. They were.
22	Q. And so this is information you expect
23	would be positive and when you looked at your
24	regression you saw that the residual return on
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1	the next trading day, March 18th, was in fact
2	statistically significant; right?
3	A. Yes.
4	Q. And positive?
5	A. Positive, right.
6	Q. Let's just take a look at Exhibit 4,
7	the regression.
8	A. Exhibit 3?
9	Q. Exhibit 3, thank you.
10	The fourth date down is March 18th, I'm
11	looking across to the far right-hand column.
12	As I understand the convention, you set
13	this so that if there was a t-stat that was
14	greater than 1.96 either positive or negative you
15	controlled and put a 1 in the column there?
16	A. That's correct.
17	Q. And in fact there is a 1 in that column?
18	A. That's correct.
19	Q. And on the day before there was
20	actually a negative price reaction; right?
21	A. There was.
22	Q. And that was not statistically
23	significant, though?
24	A. No.
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1	Q. The information that you are referring				
2	to in paragraph 38 is a press release; right?				
3	A. That's correct.				
4	Q. And the company, in addition to issuing				
5	a press release, also would have filed reports				
6	with the SEC; right?				
7	A. Right.				
8	Q. Both the 10-K and then whatever				
9	additional information that it was required to				
10	file?				
11	A. Correct.				
12	Q. In terms of the issue that you think is				
13	significant in terms of the news, the EBITDA				
14	information, that's information that would also				
15	be included in SEC filings; right?				
16	A. All those were included in the K that				
17	was filed.				
18	Q. Are you aware of the fact that the 10-K				
19	was actually filed on March 16th?				
20	A. I think late at night on the 16th, as I				
21	recall.				
22	Q. Just taking a look at your report,				
23	Exhibit E, the first item on Exhibit E shows the				
24	filing of three different documents, including				
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1	the 8-K for the fiscal year 2008 on March 16th;					
2	right?					
3	A. I think you meant the 10-K.					
4	Q. I did mean the 10-K, thank you.					
5	A. Yes.					
6	Q. The company filed that 10-K online					
7	using the EDGAR service?					
8	A. I believe so, yes.					
9	Q. So that was immediately available to					
10	investors?					
11	A. It would have been.					
12	Q. That was a full trading day before it					
13	issued the press release we have been discussing;					
14	right?					
15	A. Yes.					
16	Q. During that full trading day the					
17	17 company actually experienced a decline in its					
18	stock price, although not statistically					
19	significant; right?					
20	A. That's correct.					
21	Q. To your understanding was there any					
22	additional new information that the company					
23	included in its press release issued shortly					
24	before the market closed on March 17th that was					
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1	not included in the 10-K?	1	company in the sense that it may reduce the
1 2	A. Not to my knowledge.	2	discount rate that you would apply to the cash
2	Q. Let's go back to the report.	3	flows of the company.
	The next date that you examined was the	4	A. Yes, the discounted cash flow, correct.
4			
5	announcement of the listing of the company stock	5	In that context I would also add, as I
6	on the NASDAQ Global Select; right?	6	talk about in the report, that the company went,
7	A. Right. Are you on 16?	7	didn't go just to the NASDAQ level, it went to
8	Q. Yes, paragraph 39.	8	the NASDAQ level select market.
9	A. All right. Yes.	9	This is another level of vetting that
10	Q. Looking at your regression, that's	10	gives investors greater confidence and again is
11	another day on which there was a statistically	11	reflected in the discount rate.
12	significant positive price reaction; right?	12	Q. So the fact that it went right to the
13	A. That's correct.	13	Global Select, in your understanding, would have
14	Q. You describe in here the fact that, as	14	also reduced that fact alone reduced the
15	you testified earlier, the fact of the listing on	15	discount rate?
16	NASDAQ permitted a broader set of investors to	16	A. That, in all likelihood, would have
17	own the stock because certain investors are	17	done that, yes.
18	prohibited in one way or another from owning	18	Q. And then paragraph 40 discusses the
19	stock that is listed only on the over-the-counter	19	price reaction in the wake of the announcement
20	market?	20	that the company was going to be listed on the
21	A. That's correct.	21	Russell 3000 index and the Russell 2000 index;
22	Q. And as I understand your testimony,	22	correct?
23	your opinion is that that may that fact may be	23	A. Correct.
24	reflective of the underlying cash flows of the	24	Q. Then you go on to describe the fact
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1	that mutual funds, some mutual funds attempt to	1	but in either case the rise in the price
2	replicate the performance of these indexes?	2	represents informational efficiency.
3	A. Correct.	3	Q. Again, just to be clear on this, it
4	Q. Therefore, this would tend to increase	4	doesn't reflect any information about the
5	the demand for a company that's now listed on an	5	underlying likely future performance of the
6	index; correct?	6	company?
7	A. That's correct.	7	A. There are two different kinds of
8	Q. Just so I understand, the issue of the	8	efficiency that you're talking about.
9	discount rate that we've been talking about in	9	Does it change it could change the
10	connection with the NASDAQ listing, is that a	10	discount rate, it certainly changes the demand
1 1		11	and that's reflected in informational efficiency.
11	phenomenon in your view that also occurs when a		and that's feffected in informational efficiency.
11	phenomenon in your view that also occurs when a company is included on an index?	12	Q. With respect to this issue of the
12	company is included on an index?	12	Q. With respect to this issue of the
12 13	company is included on an index? A. It certainly could.	12 13	Q. With respect to this issue of the change in the discount rate upon either listing
12 13 14 15	company is included on an index? A. It certainly could. I mean, what we're talking about here	12 13 14	Q. With respect to this issue of the change in the discount rate upon either listing on an exchange or inclusion in an index, is there
12 13 14 15	company is included on an index? A. It certainly could. I mean, what we're talking about here are informational efficiency issues. The fact	12 13 14 15	Q. With respect to this issue of the change in the discount rate upon either listing on an exchange or inclusion in an index, is there any particular academic literature that one could
12 13 14 15 16	<pre>company is included on an index? A. It certainly could. I mean, what we're talking about here are informational efficiency issues. The fact that the company and that's my understanding</pre>	12 13 14 15 16	Q. With respect to this issue of the change in the discount rate upon either listing on an exchange or inclusion in an index, is there any particular academic literature that one could look at to describe that phenomenon?

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clear, a mutual fund that is attempting to

the shares of a company within that index

regardless of the company-specific news that

would be disclosed on a given date; correct?

replicate an index would be acquiring or selling

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1	A. I think we've exhausted that.	1	particular security, so they are relying on the
2	Q. You agree with me on that? Is that	2	price which reflects information.
3	true?	3	Q. Thank you.
4	A. No, but I do believe we've exhausted	4	The next date that you discuss in your
5	our separate opinions about that.	5	declaration is January 6, 2010.
6	Q. Okay.	6	A. Yes.
7	I don't want to beat a dead horse,	7	Q. The event on that date was the
8	then, I just want to make sure I am clear on what	8	announcement that the company had undertaken a
9	your opinion is.	9	public offering of 15 million shares of its
10	A. Let me summarize what I believe I said	10	stock?
11	before.	11	A. Yes.
12	Mutual funds that attempt to replicate	12	Q. There was the potential of an
13	indexes do not necessarily include all companies	13	overallotment of another 2.25 million shares?
14	in the index as they attempt to replicate it.	14	A. Right.
15	They in general try to minimize their transaction	15	Q. Was that unanticipated news, in your
16	costs, so if they can replicate it without	16	view?
17	purchasing all the companies, they will do that.	17	A. I think it was a much stronger
18	For example, the S&P 500 has 500	18	statement than the company had made before. I
19	companies, generally you can replicate its	19	think back in October the company had filed a
20	performance by buying and selling about 20. So	2 0	preliminary registration statement. In this
21	to that extent managers have some discretion in	21	thing they said they had commenced the offering,
22	what they buy. How they exercise that discretion	2 2	they identified JP Morgan and Macquarie, and it
23	is totally up to them, but in the end how much	23	was a much more definitive statement.
24	they buy is determined by the price of the	2 4	I think that after three months had
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1	elapsed and the market had not seen this, I think
2	it was new information.
3	Q. Is it your understanding there was some
4	uncertainty in the marketplace as to whether or
5	not this offering would go forward?
6	A. I think until an offering goes forward
7	there's always some uncertainty.
8	Q. So this was an indication that whatever
9	uncertainty may have been in the market, that was
10	dispelled as a result of this announcement?
11	A. I think so, yes.
12	Q. The company, as you indicated, filed a
13	preliminary registration statement back in
14	October?
15	A. Yes.
16	Q. That preliminary registration statement
17	included the number of shares that were going to
18	be offered? Is that your understanding?
19	A. I believe it did.
20	Q. There were subsequent amendments that
21	were made to that registration statement?
22	A. I believe so.
23	Q. Are you familiar with that?
24	But if I'm understanding your opinion,
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1	the fact of a registration statement, preliminary
2	registration statement still conveyed some
3	uncertainty as to whether or not the offering
4	would actually happen or not?
5	A. I think that's true. I think that if
6	you are looking at January, when they announce
7	that it's JP Morgan and Macquarie who are leading
8	it, I think that made it a much more definitive
9	move.
10	Q. You say in paragraph 41 that secondary
11	offerings such as this are generally priced at
12	approximately 10 percent below the market price
13	when they become effective.
14	Do you see that?
15	A. Yes.
16	Q. What's the basis for that statement?
17	A. Years of experience and watching
18	secondary offerings go off.
19	Q. Do you know if there's any academic
20	literature out there that studies this issue?
21	A. There probably is.
22	Q. And is it your understanding that that
23	supports the notion that there's about a 10
24	percent price impact when secondary offerings are
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1 priced?		1	indicate and therefore the price adjusts
2 A. Yes.		2	accordingly.
3 Q. Do you know when this	secondary	3	Q. And why is it that you show or see a
4 offering was actually priced?		4	price decline upon an announcement of a secondary
5 A. Yes. It was priced ab	out two weeks	5	offering?
6 later.		6	A. Because investors here understand that
7 Q. January 15th?		7	there will be this offering that will take place,
8 A. That sounds right.		8	it will be priced 10 percent below the market.
9 Q. Do you know when the o	ffering closed?	9	Q. So they are assuming the price decline,
10 A. I think the announceme	nt that the	10	it's not because they're concerned about dilution,
11 overallotment was taken down com	es I am not	11	they're just assuming that the way the market
12 sure of the exact date.		12	will react is there will be a 10 percent
13 Q. So what is the new inf	ormation about	13	reduction?
14 the value of the company that's	being disclosed	14	A. Well, there will be dilution, because
15 by the announcement on January 6	th?	15	if it's priced at 10 percent below the market you
16 A. So the new information	is that there's	16	will be diluted, so that the market tries to come
17 an offering going forward and it	's much more	17	to an equilibrium on that.
18 when you put the name JP Morgan	on something, JP	18	Q. Does the effect of a secondary market
19 Morgan generally doesn't do some	thing that	19	offering have the effect of increasing the public
20 doesn't go through, okay, so tha	t gives it a much	20	float of the company's stock?
21 more definitive likelihood of ha	ppening, so the	21	A. Yes.
22 likelihood that it's happening a	nd the market	22	Q. Would you expect that to increase the
23 knows that generally investors d	emand a better	23	efficiency in the market?
24 return than what the current mar	ket price would	24	A. If the market's already efficient, then
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1 it adds shares, that's all it do	es.	1	buy on that secondary offering at 10 percent
2 Q. All things being equal	, the more shares	2	below what I paid today, then I say, well, why am
3 that are trading publicly the mo	re likely the	3	I paying the 10 percent premium and the price

4 market is going to be efficient? You know, I think that's asymptotically 5 Α. 6 probably the case, but, you know, are you going 7 to add in a share? Is it going to be more efficient? Are you going to add 10 shares? 8 15 million. 9 ο. 10 Α. In my opinion it was efficient before they added the shares and -- yeah, that's it. 11 12 Ο. I want to understand, though, the 13 rationale for the stock price decline that you're saying occurs whenever there's a secondary 14 offering, that's because current investors are 15 16 diluted as a result of an offering? Α. 17 Because in general to get a secondary offering off the stock has to be priced below the 18 19 market. That takes into account surprises that 2.0 might happen overnight between when you go effective and when the stock opens in the 21 22 morning, it is a typical way that an investment 23 bank would handle a secondary offering. 24 That being the case, if you're going to

4 adjusts to reflect that, because otherwise you're getting a better deal than I am. 5 6 ο. And do you know whether or not the 7 price that was set for this offering was at 10 percent of what the current market value was? 8 I think when it was set it was 9 Α. 10 approximately 10 percent below where it had gone. Where it had gone from where? ο. 11 12 Α. It had dropped significantly between 13 when this came out and when the actual, when the pricing occurred. 14 15 ο. I think you mentioned the fact that 16 when you were looking at potential events or events that had the potential to result in a 17 statistically significant stock price movement, 18 either positive or negative, that you included 19 2.0 earnings releases? I did. 21 Α. Other than the release that we've 22 ο. 23 already discussed in March of 2009, did you 24 observe any other instance in which the company's

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1	Do you see that?
2	A. Yes.
3	Q you offer an opinion on materiality
4	and specifically the materiality of the March
5	12th disclosure?
6	A. Correct.
7	Q. That is a defined term, as I recall, if
8	you go back and look at paragraph 7, the last
9	sentence there defines information released by
10	the company on March 12th, 2010, defined that as
11	the March 12th disclosure?
12	A. Right.
13	Q. And I understand that your opinion is
14	that the information that was disclosed, the
15	March 12th disclosures, as you defined it in your
16	report, in your opinion was material information;
17	correct?
18	A. That's correct.
19	Q. Can you define for me what you mean by
20	materiality?
21	A. Something that would be important to an
22	investor to know.
23	Q. How did you reach your opinion that the
24	March 12th disclosures, as you've defined them,
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1	why you're offering an opinion on materiality,
2	what expertise do you have with respect to the
3	interpretation of press releases?
4	A. Well, let's start with the
5	interpretation of press releases.
6	It's been my experience through 35 or
7	more years of doing financial analysis that
8	companies put out things that they believe are
9	important to investors or should be important to
10	investors, so that's the reason that a company
11	does a press release.
12	Companies include things that they are
13	either legally obliged to because the law assumes
14	they are important to investors, much as, you
15	know, earnings announcements are required because
16	the law assumes it, but I think if you look at
17	that, just the company's acknowledgment here
18	that, look, we've had terrible results, the
19	fourth quarter intangible charge was largely
20	driven by market conditions causing a revision of
21	management's assessment of future cash flows,
22	that is, you know, we talked about the importance
23	of future cash flows, that's one of the underlying
24	premises of a valuation of a company or its

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1	is information that an investor would want to					
2	know?					
3	A. Number one, probably the price reaction					
4	was a very important indication and, number two,					
5	as I point out, and specifically talking about					
6	the disclosures about the intangible assets and					
7	goodwill, the company acknowledged that it was					
8	the driving force behind the losses.					
9	Q. And the price reaction, I understand,					
10	is a function of the regression analysis that					
11	you've done here and that we've been talking					
12	about.					
13	What expertise					
14	A. No. The price reaction is a function					
15	of the market.					
16	Q. The opinion that you've offered with					
17	respect to the significance of the price reaction					
18	follows from the analysis that you've done in					
19	which you determined that there was a					
20	statistically significant abnormal return on that					
21	day; right?					
22	A. Yes, so it's the t-statistic is a					
23	negative 4.					
24	Q. And with respect to the second reason					
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1	stock.
2	So you put that together with those
3	fundamentals, you look at the price decline, and
4	the statistics are certainly part of it, you look
5	at the overall decline and you look at the
6	volume.
7	You know, this isn't 10 shares that are
8	trading, this is almost eight million shares.
9	Those are all things that combined indicate how
10	material this was.
11	Q. And you understand I mean, this is
12	an excerpt in paragraph 49 of the press release;
13	right?
14	A. Absolutely.
15	Q. So there was additional information
16	that the company released on March 12th; right?
17	A. It did, yes.
18	Q. And there was also a conference call
19	that it had with investors; right?
20	A. Correct.
21	Q. Have you made any effort to try to
22	allocate the price reaction resulting from any
23	specific component of the information that was
24	disclosed on that date?

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1	A. Not specifically, not down to the penny	1	MR. DUCAYET: Ms. Preston, at this
2	or anything.	2	point I have no further questions. Thank
3	As you can see, there was the 82.2	3	you.
4	million was, I don't know, about 75 percent of	4	MR. FEDERMAN: We will read and sign.
5	the overall loss, but I haven't done the math or	5	(Time noted: 11:55 a.m.)
6	I haven't been asked to do a loss causation	6	
7	calculation like that.	7	CANDACE L. PRESTON
8	Q. You are not offering any opinion on	8	
9	this issue?	9	Subscribed and sworn to before me
10	A. I am not.	10	this day of, 2012.
11	Q. And you touched on this earlier, but	11	
12	just to close the loop on this, the price	12	
13	reaction that you saw in response to this	13	NOTARY PUBLIC
14	announcement indicated to you that the market	14	
15	fully incorporated this news within the next	15	
16	trading day; right?	16	
17	A. I thought that was the case, yes.	17	
18	MR. DUCAYET: Let's take a short break.	18	
19	(Recess taken.)	19	
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6	I, CARY N. BIGELOW, Court Reporter,	
7	a Notary Public within and for the State of	
8	New York, do hereby certify:	
9	That CANDACE L. PRESTON, the witness	
10	whose testimony is hereinbefore set forth,	
11	was duly sworn by me and that such	
12	testimony given by the witness was taken	
13	down stenographically by me and then	
14	transcribed.	
15	I further certify that I am not	
16	related to any of the parties to this	
17	action by blood or marriage, and that I am	
18	in no way interested in the outcome of this	
19	matter.	
20	IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto	
21	set my hand this 29th day of October, 2012.	
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