



Public Company Accounting Oversight Board

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ORDER MAKING FINDINGS AND  
DISAPPROVING REGISTRATION APPLICATION

*In re Registration Application of  
Halt, Buzas & Powell, Ltd.*

PCAOB Release No. 2005-013  
July 12, 2005

I.

On April 5, 2005, the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board ("PCAOB" or "Board"), pursuant to PCAOB Rule 2106(b)(2)(ii), issued a Notice of Hearing on the Registration Application of Halt, Buzas & Powell, Ltd. ("Applicant"). The Notice of Hearing afforded Applicant an opportunity for a hearing under PCAOB Rule 5500 to determine whether to approve or disapprove Applicant's application for registration with the Board. The Board received from Applicant a timely Request for a Hearing on the Registration Application.

II.

Pursuant to PCAOB Rule 5205, Applicant has submitted an Offer of Settlement that the Board has determined to accept. Solely for the purpose of this proceeding 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 the finding described in III.A below, Applicant consents to the entry of this Order Making Findings and Disapproving Registration Application as set forth below.

III.

On the basis of information obtained by the Board in connection with consideration of Applicant's registration application, the Board finds<sup>1/</sup> that:

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

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- A. Applicant is a corporation headquartered in Alexandria, Virginia.
- B. Applicant issued an audit report dated October 11, 2004, with respect to American Utilicraft Corporation ("Utilicraft"). In addition, Applicant issued two audit reports dated August 11, 2004, with respect to Utilicraft, which were for Utilicraft's fiscal years ended December 2001 and December 2002 ("the August 11, 2004 audit reports"). Utilicraft is an issuer as defined by the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (the "Act") and the PCAOB Rules. On the dates Applicant issued the audit reports described above, Applicant was not registered with the Board. Accordingly, Applicant's issuance of the audit reports violated Section 102(a) of the Act and PCAOB Rule 2100, both of which require that, effective October 22, 2003, any person that issues an audit report with respect to an issuer must be registered with the Board.
- C. In Item 2.1 of its application for registration on PCAOB Form 1, received by the Board on February 24, 2005, Applicant failed to identify, and to provide required information concerning, the August 11, 2004 audit reports. Item 2.1 required that Applicant identify, and provide certain information concerning, audit reports prepared or issued by Applicant during the calendar year preceding the calendar year in which the application was filed. By failing to identify, and provide the required information concerning, the August 11, 2004 audit reports, Applicant violated PCAOB Rule 2101.
- D. Applicant's violations described above resulted from Applicant's failure to exercise the degree of care that the Board would expect of a public accounting firm under the circumstances.

IV.

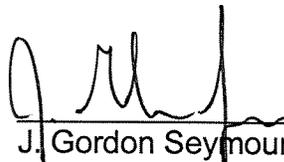
In view of the foregoing, and to protect the interests of investors and further the public interest in the preparation of informative, accurate, and independent audit reports, it is hereby ORDERED:

That Applicant's application for registration with the Board is disapproved, provided, however, that with respect to any new application for registration submitted by Applicant after April 1, 2006, the Board will not issue a Notice of Hearing to determine

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whether to approve or disapprove such application based solely on the violations that are the subject of the findings contained in this Order.

ISSUED BY THE BOARD.



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J. Gordon Seymour  
Acting Secretary

July 12, 2005