# **Financial Conduct Authority**



# **FINAL NOTICE**

\_\_\_\_\_\_

To: Churchill Securities (UK) Limited

Address: 55a Oxford Street

Weston-Super-Mare

Somerset BS23 1TR

FRN: 192650

Dated: 25 July 2013

### **ACTION**

- 1. For the reasons set out in this Final Notice, the Authority hereby takes the following action against Churchill Securities (UK) Limited ("Churchill").
- 2. The Authority gave Churchill a Decision Notice on 20 June 2013 ("the Decision Notice") which notified Churchill that for the reasons given below and pursuant to section 55J of the Act, the Authority had decided to cancel the permission granted to Churchill under the Act ("Churchill's permission").
- 3. Churchill has not referred the matter to the Tribunal within 28 days of the date on which the Decision Notice was given to it.
- 4. Accordingly, the Authority has today cancelled Churchill's permission.

# **DEFINITIONS**

5. The definitions below are used in this Final Notice:

"the Act" means the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000;

"the Authority" means the body corporate previously known as the Financial Services Authority and renamed on 1 April 2013 as the Financial Conduct Authority;

"the Tribunal" means the Upper Tribunal (Tax and Chancery Chamber).

/cont....

#### **REASONS FOR THE ACTION**

- 6. On the basis of the facts and matters and conclusions described in the Warning Notice issued to Churchill dated 21 March 2013 ("the Warning Notice"), and in the Decision Notice, it appears to the Authority that Churchill is failing to satisfy the threshold conditions set out in Schedule 6 to the Act ("the Threshold Conditions"), in that the Authority is not satisfied that Churchill is a fit and proper person having regard to all the circumstances, including whether Churchill managed its business in such a way as to ensure that its affairs are conducted in a sound and prudent manner.
- 7. Churchill has failed to co-operate with the Authority in that it has failed to respond adequately, or at all, to communications from the Authority [requesting confirmation of Churchill's trading status].
- 8. These failures lead the Authority to conclude that Churchill has failed to manage its business in such a way as to ensure that its affairs are conducted in a sound and prudent manner, that it is not a fit and proper person, and that it is therefore failing to satisfy the Threshold Conditions in relation to the regulated activities for which Churchill has had a permission.

#### **DECISION MAKER**

9. The decision which gave rise to the obligation to give this Final Notice was made by the Regulatory Decisions Committee.

#### **IMPORTANT**

10. This Final Notice is given to Churchill in accordance with section 390(1) of the Act.

# **Publicity**

- 11. The Authority must publish such information about the matter to which this Final Notice relates as the Authority considers appropriate. The information may be published in such manner as the Authority considers appropriate. However, the Authority may not publish information if such publication would, in the opinion of the Authority, be unfair to Churchill or prejudicial to the interest of consumers.
- 12. The Authority intends to publish such information about the matter to which this Final Notice relates as it considers appropriate.

#### **Contact**

13. For more information concerning this matter generally, please contact Roger Hylton at the Authority (direct line: 020 7066 8168).

John Kirby
Enforcement and Financial Crime Division