BrokerCheck Report

ALLEN MARK PERRES

CRD# 1358479

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BrokerCheck offers information on all current, and many former, registered securities brokers, and all current and former registered securities firms. FINRA strongly encourages investors to use BrokerCheck to check the background of securities brokers and brokerage firms before deciding to conduct, or continue to conduct, business with them.

- **What is included in a BrokerCheck report?**
- BrokerCheck reports for individual brokers include information such as employment history, professional qualifications, disciplinary actions, criminal convictions, civil judgments and arbitration awards. BrokerCheck reports for brokerage firms include information on a firm's profile, history, and operations, as well as many of the same disclosure events mentioned above.
- Please note that the information contained in a BrokerCheck report may include pending actions or allegations that may be contested, unresolved or unproven. In the end, these actions or allegations may be resolved in favor of the broker or brokerage firm, or concluded through a negotiated settlement with no admission or finding of wrongdoing.
- **Where did this information come from?**
- The information contained in BrokerCheck comes from FINRA's Central Registration Depository, or CRD® and is a combination of:
  - information FINRA and/or the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) require brokers and brokerage firms to submit as part of the registration and licensing process, and
  - information that regulators report regarding disciplinary actions or allegations against firms or brokers.
- **How current is this information?**
- Generally, active brokerage firms and brokers are required to update their professional and disciplinary information in CRD within 30 days. Under most circumstances, information reported by brokerage firms, brokers and regulators is available in BrokerCheck the next business day.
- **What if I want to check the background of an investment adviser firm or investment adviser representative?**
- To check the background of an investment adviser firm or representative, you can search for the firm or individual in BrokerCheck. If your search is successful, click on the link provided to view the available licensing and registration information in the SEC's Investment Adviser Public Disclosure (IAPD) website at https://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov. In the alternative, you may search the IAPD website directly or contact your state securities regulator at http://www.finra.org/Investors/ToolsCalculators/BrokerCheck/P455414.
- **Are there other resources I can use to check the background of investment professionals?**
- FINRA recommends that you learn as much as possible about an investment professional before deciding to work with them. Your state securities regulator can help you research brokers and investment adviser representatives doing business in your state.

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This broker is not currently registered.

Report Summary for this Broker

This report summary provides an overview of the broker's professional background and conduct. Additional information can be found in the detailed report.

Broker Qualifications

This broker is not currently registered.

This broker has passed:

- 1 Principal/Supervisory Exam
- 1 General Industry/Product Exam
- 0 State Securities Law Exams

Registration History

This broker was previously registered with the following securities firm(s):

B **RBG INVESTMENTS, INC.**
CRD# 36528
CHICAGO, IL
03/1995 - 04/2000

B **REALSHARES, INC.**
CRD# 16152
CHICAGO, IL
07/1985 - 07/1992

Disclosure Events

This broker has been involved in one or more disclosure events involving certain final criminal matters, regulatory actions, civil judicial proceedings, or arbitrations or civil litigations.

Are there events disclosed about this broker? **Yes**

The following types of disclosures have been reported:

Type	Count
Regulatory Event	1
Civil Event	1

Broker Qualifications

Registrations

This section provides the self-regulatory organizations (SROs), states and U.S. territories the broker is currently registered and licensed with, the category of each registration, and the date on which the registration became effective. This section also provides, for each firm with which the broker is currently employed, the address of each branch where the broker works.

This broker is not currently registered.

Broker Qualifications

Industry Exams this Broker has Passed

This section includes all securities industry exams that the broker has passed. Under limited circumstances, a broker may attain a registration after receiving an exam waiver based on exams the broker has passed and/or qualifying work experience. Any exam waivers that the broker has received are not included below. A passed exam or exam waiver does not permit a broker to do business without an active SRO or state registration.

This individual has passed 1 principal/supervisory exam, 1 general industry/product exam, and 0 state securities law exams.

Principal/Supervisory Exams

	Exam	Category	Date
B	Direct Participation Programs Principal Examination	Series 39	08/28/1984

General Industry/Product Exams

	Exam	Category	Date
B	Direct Participation Programs Representative Examination	Series 22	03/22/1985

State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
No information reported.		

Additional information about the above exams or other exams FINRA administers to brokers and other securities professionals can be found at www.finra.org/brokerqualifications/registeredrep/.

Broker Qualifications

Professional Designations

This section details that the representative has reported **0** professional designation(s).

No information reported.

Only professional designations listed in Question 8 of the Form U4 will appear in this section if the appropriate box is checked and verified by the issuing organization at the time of the filing. Learn more about eligible designations at IARD and NASAA.

Registration and Employment History

Registration History

The broker previously was registered with the following securities firms:

	Registration Dates	Firm Name	CRD#	Branch Location
B	03/1995 - 04/2000	RBG INVESTMENTS, INC.	36528	CHICAGO, IL
B	07/1985 - 07/1992	REALSHARES, INC.	16152	CHICAGO, IL

Employment History

This section provides up to 10 years of an individual broker's employment history as reported by the individual broker on the most recently filed Form U4.

Please note that the broker is required to provide this information only while registered with FINRA or a national securities exchange and the information is not updated via Form U4 after the broker ceases to be registered. Therefore, an employment end date of "Present" may not reflect the broker's current employment status.

Employment	Employer Name	Position	Investment Related	Employer Location
04/2002 - Present	WITAN SECURITIES, L.L.C.	VICE PRESIDENT	Y	CHICAGO, IL, United States
08/1999 - Present	RKP CAPITAL PARTNERS, LLC	PARTNER/MANAGER	Y	CHICAGO, IL, United States

Disclosure Events

What you should know about reported disclosure events:

1. **Disclosure events in BrokerCheck reports come from different sources:**
   - As mentioned at the beginning of this report, information contained in BrokerCheck comes from brokers, their employing firms, and regulators. When more than one source reports information for the same disclosure event, all versions of the event will appear in the BrokerCheck report. The different versions are separated by a solid line with the reporting source labeled.

For your convenience, below is a matrix of the number and status of regulatory disclosure events involving this broker. Further information regarding these events can be found in the subsequent pages of this report. You also may wish to contact the broker to obtain further information regarding these events.

	Final	On Appeal
Regulatory Event	1	0
Civil Event	1	0

Disclosure Event Details

This report provides the information exactly as it was reported to CRD and therefore some of the specific data fields contained in the report may be blank if the information was not provided to CRD.

Regulatory - Final

This type of disclosure event involves a final, formal proceeding initiated by a regulatory authority (e.g., a state securities agency, self-regulatory organization, federal regulator such as the Securities and Exchange Commission, foreign financial regulatory body) for a violation of investment-related rules or regulations.

Disclosure 1 of 1

Reporting Source:	Regulator
Regulatory Action Initiated By:	UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Sanction(s) Sought:	Other: n/a
Date Initiated:	12/21/2015
Docket/Case Number:	3-17013
Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the regulatory action:	Southern Cross Resources Group, Inc.
Product Type:	Other: Shares of common stock and debt of a company
Allegations:	SEC Admin Release 33-9997, 34-76723 / December 21, 2015: The Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") deems it appropriate and in the public interest that public administrative and cease-and-desist proceedings be, and hereby are, instituted pursuant to Section 8A of the Securities Act of 1933 ("Securities Act") and Sections 15(b) and 21C of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act") against Allen M. Perres ("Perres") and another individual (collectively, "Respondents"). On the basis of this Order and Respondents' Offers, the Commission finds that the respondents acted as the marketers for a company and started earning commissions from the funds raised from investors beginning as early as April 2012 and continuing through at least September 2014. During the relevant time period, Perres brought in at least 10 investors and received $125,145 in commissions through the sale of common stock to investors. Together, the respondents raised over $2 million for the company. The amounts paid to the respondents amounted to approximately 17% of the funds they raised from investors. In addition to soliciting investors, the respondents often provided investors with offering materials, including private placement memoranda and other informational brochures. The respondents often served as the primary sources of information for the investors and organized several meetings at a friend's business to pitch the company to potential investors. The respondents took

no steps to determine whether any of the individuals who purchased shares of the company common stock through them were sophisticated or accredited investors. The respondents also did not provide the investors with access to registration-equivalent information about the company. During the relevant time period, Perres was not registered with the Commission in any capacity or associated with a registered broker-dealer. No registration statement was filed in connection with any of the company's securities, and no exemption from registration was applicable to any of the sales through Perres. As a result of the conduct, Respondent Perres willfully violated Sections 5(a) and 5(c) of the Securities Act, and Section 15(a) of the Exchange Act.

Current Status:	Final
Action Appealed To:	SEC
Date Appeal filed:	08/16/2016
Appeal Limitation Details:	
Resolution:	Order
Does the order constitute a final order based on violations of any laws or regulations that prohibit fraudulent, manipulative, or deceptive conduct?	No
Resolution Date:	01/23/2017
Sanctions Ordered:	Bar (Permanent) Cease and Desist Disgorgement Monetary Penalty other than Fines Undertaking
If the regulator is the SEC, CFTC, or an SRO, did the action result in a finding of a willful violation or failure to supervise?	Yes

(1) willfully violated any provision of the Securities Act of 1933, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, the Investment Company Act of 1940, the Commodity Exchange Act, or any rule or regulation under any of such Acts, or any of the rules of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board, or to have been unable to comply with any provision of such Act, rule or regulation?	Yes
(2) willfully aided, abetted, counseled, commanded, induced, or procured the violation by any person of any provision of the Securities Act of 1933, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, the Investment Company Act of 1940, the Commodity Exchange Act, or any rule or regulation under any of such Acts, or any of the rules of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board? or	No

(3) failed reasonably to supervise another person subject to your supervision, with a view to preventing the violation by such person of any provision of the Securities Act of 1933, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, the Investment Company Act of 1940, the Commodity Exchange Act, or any rule or regulation under any such Acts, or any of the rules of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board?	No

Sanction 1 of 2

Sanction Type:	Bar (Permanent)
Capacities Affected:	participating in an offering of penny stock
Duration:	Indefinite
Start Date:	01/23/2017
End Date:	

Sanction 2 of 2

Sanction Type:	Bar (Permanent)
Capacities Affected:	associating with a broker, dealer, investment adviser, municipal securities dealer, municipal advisor, transfer agent, and NRSRO
Duration:	Indefinite
Start Date:	01/23/2017
End Date:	

Monetary Sanction 1 of 2

Monetary Related Sanction:	Monetary Penalty other than Fines
Total Amount:	$8,805.00
Portion Levied against individual:	$8,805.00

Payment Plan:	prejudgment interest on disgorgement
Is Payment Plan Current:	
Date Paid by individual:	
Was any portion of penalty waived?	Yes
Amount Waived:	$8,805.00
Monetary Sanction 2 of 2	
Monetary Related Sanction:	Disgorgement
Total Amount:	$125,145.00
Portion Levied against individual:	$125,145.00
Payment Plan:	
Is Payment Plan Current:	
Date Paid by individual:	
Was any portion of penalty waived?	Yes
Amount Waived:	$93,861.00
Regulator Statement	Perres has submitted an Offer of Settlement which the Commission has determined to accept. Perres willfully violated Sections 5(a) and 5(c) of the Securities Act and Section 15(a) of the Exchange Act. In determining whether to accept Perres' Offer, the Commission has considered the following undertakings: Perres agrees to cooperate fully with the Commission with respect to this action and any judicial or administrative proceeding or investigation commenced by the Commission or to which the Commission is a party relating to the matters in this Order or other matters related to the company's securities or officers. It is ordered that Perres cease and desist from committing or causing any violations and any future violations of Sections 5(a) and 5(c) of the Securities Act and Section 15(a) of the Exchange Act; shall pay disgorgement of $125,145 which represents profits gained as a result of the conduct described herein, and prejudgment interest of $8,805, but that payment of such amount except for $31,284 is waived and the Commission is not imposing a civil penalty based on Perres' sworn representations in his Statement of Financial Condition and other documents submitted to the Commission. Perres agreed to additional proceedings in this proceeding to determine what, if

any, additional non-financial remedial sanctions against Respondent Perres pursuant to Section 15(b)(6) of the Exchange Act are in the public interest.
The Administrative Law Judge shall issue an initial decision no later than 300 days from the date of service of this Order.
SEC Initial Decision No. 1022/June 7, 2016: It is ordered that Perres is barred from associating with a broker, dealer, investment adviser, municipal securities dealer, municipal advisor, transfer agent, and nationally recognized statistical rating organization, and from participating in an offering of penny stock, including acting as any promoter, finder, consultant, agent, or other person who engages in activities with a broker, dealer, or issuer for purposes of the issuance or trading in any penny stock, or inducing or attempting to induce the purchase or sale of any penny stock; provided however, that Perres may apply to become so associated after five years.
The initial decision will not become final until the Commission enters an order of finality.

SEC Admin Release 33-10124, 34-78596 / August 16, 2016: The petition of Allen M. Perres for review of the administrative law judge's initial decision is granted.
SEC Admin Release 33-10287, 34-79858 / January 23, 2017: It is ORDERED that Allen M. Perres be barred from associating with any broker, dealer, investment adviser, municipal securities dealer, municipal advisor, transfer agent, and nationally recognized statistical rating organization, and from participating in an offering of penny stock, including acting as any promoter, finder, consultant, agent, or other person who engages in activities with a broker, dealer, or issuer for purposes of the issuance or trading in any penny stock, or inducing or attempting to induce the purchase or sale of any penny stock; provided, however, that Perres may apply to become so associated after five years.

Civil - Final

This type of disclosure event involves an injunction issued by a court in connection with investment-related activity or a finding by a court of a violation of any investment-related statute or regulation.

Disclosure 1 of 1

Reporting Source:	Regulator
Initiated By:	SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Relief Sought:	
Other Relief Sought:	
Date Court Action Filed:	04/16/1974
Product Type:	
Other Product Types:	
Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the action:	
Allegations:	
Current Status:	Final
Resolution:	Judgment Rendered
Resolution Date:	02/28/1975
Sanctions Ordered or Relief Granted:	Cease and Desist/Injunction
Other Sanctions:	
Sanction Details:	
Regulator Statement	SECURITIES VIOLATION BULLETIN (40 2) DISCLOSES: COMPLAINT FILED 416/74 BY SEC IN USDC ND OF ILLINOIS SEEKING TO ENJOIN DEFENDANTS FROM VIOLATIONS OF SECS. 5(A), 5(C) AND 17(A) OF THE '33 ACT AND SEC. 10(B) AND RULE 10B-5 OF THE '34 ACT IN CONNECTION WITH THE SALE OF INVESTMENT CONTRACTS, CERTIFICATES OF INTEREST OR PARTICIPATION IN PROFIT-SHARING AGREEMENTS, AND INTERESTS COMMONLY KNOWN AS SECURITIES, IN A PYRAMID PROMOTION OR ENDLESS CHAIN SCHEME. THE COMPLAINT FURTHER REQUESTS THE APPOITMENT OF A RECEIVER, AN ACCOUNTING, AND DISGORGEMENT OF ALL PROFITS RECEIVED BY DEFENDANTS, THROUGH THE ALLEGED

FRAUD.
ON 4/17/74, STEED INDUSTRY CONSENTED TO AN ORDER TEMPORARILY RESTRAINING DEFENDANTS FROM DISSIPATING, CONCEALING OR DISPOSING OF ANY ASSETS. (LIT. REL. 6351, 5/6/74).
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SECURITIES VIOLATION BULLETING (41 3) DISCLOSES; ORDER OF PERMANENT INJUNCTION ENTERED BY THE COURT 2/28/75 ENJOINING DEFENDANTS FROM VIOLATING THE REGISTRATION AND ANTI-FRAUD PROVISIONS OF THE '33 ACT AND THE ANTI-FRAUD PROVISIONS OF THE '34 ACT IN CONNECTION WITH THE SALE OF INVESTMENT CONTRACTS, CERTIFICATE OF INTEREST OR PARTICIPATION IN PROFIT-SHARING AGRE EMENTS, AND INTERESTS COMMONLY KNOWN AS SECURITIES IN A PYRAMID
PROMOTION OR ENDLESS CHAIN SCHEME. COMPLAINT HAD BEEN FILED 4/16/74 BY SEC IN USDC ND (VOL. 40, BUL. 02, PAGE 213) (LIT. REL. 6835, 4/15/75)

Reporting Source:	Broker
Initiated By:	SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Relief Sought:	Cease and Desist
Other Relief Sought:	
Date Court Action Filed:	04/16/1974
Product Type:	No Product
Other Product Types:	
Court Details:	COMPLAINT FILED BY SECTION IN USDC ND (VOL 40, BUL. 02, PAGE 213)
Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the action:	STEED INDUSTRIES, INC.
Allegations:	COMPLAINT FILED APRIL 16, 1974, BY SEC IN USDC ND OF ILLINOIS SEEKING TO ENJOIN DEFENDANTS FROM VIOLATIONS OF SECTIONS 5(A) AND 17(A) OF THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933 AND SECTION 10(B) AND RULE 10(B-5) OF THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1934 IN CONNECTION WITH THE SALE OF INVESTMENT CONTRACTS, CERTIFICATES OF INTEREST OR PARTICIPATION IN PROFIT-SHARING AGREEMENTS, AND INTERESTS COMMONLY KNOWN AS SECURITIES, IN A PYRAMID PROMOTION OR ENDLESS CHAIN SCHEME. THE COMPLAINT FURTHER REQUESTS THE APPOINTMENT OF A RECEIVER, AN

ACCOUNTING,
AND DISGORGEMENT OF ALL PROFITS RECEIVED BY DEFENDANTS, THROUGH
THE ALLEGED FRAUD. ON APRIL 17, 1974, STEED INDUSTRY CONSENTED TO AN ORDER TEMPORARILY RESTRAINING DEFENDANTS FROM DISSIPATING, CONCEALING OR DISPOSING OF ANY ASSETS.

Current Status:	Final
Resolution:	Judgment Rendered
Resolution Date:	02/28/1975
Sanctions Ordered or Relief Granted:	Cease and Desist/Injunction
Other Sanctions:	
Sanction Details:	ORDER OF PERMANENT INJUNCTION ENTERED BY THE COURT ON 2/28/75 ENJOINING DEFENDANTS FROM VIOLATING THE REGISTRATION AND ANTI-FRAUD PROVISIONS OF THE 1933 ACT AND THE ANTI-FRAUD PROVISIONS OF THE 1934 ACT IN CONNECTION WITH THE SALE OF INVESTMENTS CONTRACTS, CERTIFICATE OF INTEREST OR PARTICIPATION IN PROFIT-SHARING AGREEMENT AND INTERESTS COMMONLY KNOWN AS SECURITIES IN A PYRAMID PROMOTION OR ENDLESS CHAIN SCHEME.
Broker Statement	IN 1974 I WAS 24 YEARS OLD. I HAD BEEN A DISTRIBUTOR IN A MULTI LEVEL MARKETING COMPANY CALLED STEED INDUSTRIES, INC. I RESPONDED TO THE SALES TRAINING PORTION OF THE COMPANY'S INITIATIVE AND SOON BECAME EFFECTIVE AS A DISTRIBUTOR AND TRAINER. WITHIN 6 MONTHS, MORE OF MY TIME WAS REQUIRED FOR TRAINING SO I GAVE UP MY DISTRIBUTORSHIP AND BECAME AN EMPLOYEE OF THE COMPANY. AFTER I RESIGNED FROM THE COMPANY, A LAW SUIT WAS FILED BY THE SEC AGAINST STEED. MULTI-LEVEL COMPANY - THOSE WHICH WERE ABUSIVE WERE DIFFICULT TO STOP AND GOVERNMENT EFFORTS WERE CHALLENGED AND THWARTED ON MANY OCCASSIONS. SOMEONE IN THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE CAME UP WITH A THEORY THAT THE NATURE OF MULTI-LEVEL DISTRIBUTORSHIPS COULD, UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, BE CONSIDERED INVESTMENT CONTRACTS. THE THEORY WAS THAT IN MULTI-LEVEL, MEETINGS ARE GIVEN AND MUCH OF THE FUNDAMENTAL WORK IS PERFORMED BY OTHER THAN DISTRIBUTORS. WHEN PUT INTO TEST, THE THEORY WAS SUSTAINED AND THE GOVERNMENT BEGAN USING THE SEC AS ONE OF ITS TOOLS AGAINST MULTI-LEVEL COMPANIES. WHEN STEED WAS SUED, I WAS NAMED ALONG WITH THE CEO, COO AS WELL AS REGIONAL VP'S AND

ADMINISTRATORS. I WAS THE NATIONAL TRAINING DIRECTOR. THE COMPANY'S ATTORNEY WAS JACK ENRIGHT OF A MAJOR CHICAGO LAW FIRM (AND FORMER SEC REGIONAL DIRECTOR WHO ADVISED ME THAT I DID NOT REALLY NEED A LAWYER INDIVIDUALLY). THE COURT FOUND AGAINST STEED AND THE RESULT WAS THAT THE MULTI-LEVEL DISTRIBUTORSHOPS WERE DEEMED SECURITIES AND THAT STEED WAS GUILTY OF SELLING THESE "SECURITIES" WITHOUT A LICENSE.

End of Report

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