

FEDERAL RESERVE press release



For immediate release

March 3, 1997

The Federal Reserve Board today announced the issuance of an Order of Prohibition against Damian Cope, a former trader and institution-affiliated party of the New York Branch of the Midland Bank, plc, London, England.

Mr. Cope, without admitting to any allegations, consented to the issuance of the Order due to his alleged falsification of books and records relating to his interest rate derivatives trading activities.

A copy of the Order is attached.

Attachment

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

BEFORE THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

WASHINGTON, D.C.

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In the Matter of)	Docket No. 96-037-E-I
)	
DAMIAN COPE)	Order of Prohibition
)	Issued Upon Consent
An Institution-Affiliated)	Pursuant to the
Party of)	Federal Deposit Insurance
the New York Branch of)	Act, as Amended
Midland Bank, plc)	
London, England)	
_____)	

WHEREAS, pursuant to sections 8(e) and (i)(3) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act, as amended (the "FDI Act") (12 U.S.C. §§ 1818(e) and (i)(3)), the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (the "Board of Governors") issues this consent Order of Prohibition (the "Order") against Damian Cope ("Cope"), a former trader and institution-affiliated party, as defined in sections 3(u) and 8(b)(4) of the FDI Act (12 U.S.C. §§ 1813(u) and 1818(b)(4)), of the New York branch of the Midland Bank, plc, London, England, a foreign bank, in connection with Cope's falsification of books and records relating to his interest rate derivatives trading activities;

WHEREAS, on August 20, 1996, Cope pled guilty to forgery in connection with his falsification of books and records; and

WHEREAS, by affixing his signature hereunder, Cope has consented to the issuance of this Order by the Board of Governors and has waived any and all rights he might otherwise have pursuant to 12 U.S.C. § 1818, 12 C.F.R. Part 263, or otherwise (a) to the issuance of a notice intent to prohibit; (b) to a hearing for the purpose of taking evidence with respect to any matter implied or set forth in this Order; (c) to obtain judicial review of this Order or any provision hereof; and (d) to challenge or contest in any manner the basis, issuance, validity, terms, effectiveness or enforceability of this Order or any provision hereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, prior to the taking of any testimony or adjudication of or finding on any issue of fact or law implied or set forth in this Order, and without this Order constituting an admission of any allegation made or implied by the Board of Governors in connection with this proceeding, and solely for the

purpose of settlement of this matter without protracted or extended proceedings:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, pursuant to sections 8(e), (i)(3), and (j) of the FDI Act (12 U.S.C. §§ 1818(e), (i)(3), and (j)), that:

1. Cope, without the prior written approval of the Board of Governors, and, where necessary pursuant to section 8(e)(7)(B) of the FDI Act (12 U.S.C. § 1818(e)(7)(B)), another Federal financial institution regulatory agency, is hereby and henceforth prohibited:

(a) From participating in any manner in the conduct of the affairs of any institution or agency specified in section 8(e)(7)(A) of the FDI Act (12 U.S.C. § 1818(e)(7)(A)), including, but not limited to, any depository institution, or any bank or savings association holding company or any branch or agency of a foreign bank;

(b) from soliciting, procuring, transferring, attempting to transfer, voting or attempting to vote² any proxy,

consent, or authorization with respect to any voting rights in any institution described in section 8(e)(7)(A) of the FDI Act;

(c) from violating any voting agreement previously approved by any Federal banking agency; or

(d) from voting for a director, or serving or acting as an institution-affiliated party, such as an officer, director or employee, in any institution described in section 8(e)(7)(A) of the FDI Act.

2. Any violation of this Order shall separately subject Cope to appropriate criminal or civil penalties or both under section 8 of the FDI Act (12 U.S.C. § 1818).

3. This Order, and each and every provision hereof, is and shall remain fully effective and enforceable until expressly stayed, modified, terminated or suspended in writing by the Board of Governors.

4. All communications regarding this Order shall be addressed to:

(a) Mr. Donald T. Vangel
Senior Vice President
Federal Reserve Bank of New York
33 Liberty Street
New York, New York 10045

(b) Mr. Damian Cope
30 West 70th Street
New York, New York 10023

5. The provisions of this Order shall not bar, estop, or otherwise prevent the Board of Governors, or any Federal or State agency or department from taking any other action affecting Cope.

By order of the Board of Governors effective this 26th day of February, 1997.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE
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